PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rev. A. B. Leamer, Pastor),

WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 18-22, 1901.

ALSO MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

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CALENDAR, 1901-1902.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Omaha, Neb.
Secretary—Rev. R. A. WHITE, Lincoln, Neb.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. E. BOLLMAN, Wilber, Neb.
Treasurer—Mr. W. H. HOGREFE, Stella, Neb.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Rev. R. A. WHITE.

Examining Committee.

Rev. L. GROH, D. D., Rev. F. A. MATTHIS,
Rev. R. W. PETREA, Rev. W. DIEFFENBACH,
Rev. J. N. LENTZ.

Executive Council.

Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Mr. JONATHAN REITZ, three years.
Rev. R. A WHITE, Mr. H. A. GARMAN, two years.
Rev. E. F. TREFZ, one year.

Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. S. M. LESHER, Rev. C. J. RINGER,
Rev. M. D. BERG.

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Rev. J. F. SPONSELLER, Rev. J. A. KOSER,
Rev. A. B. LEAMER, Rev. W. W. HESS,
Mr. W. H. HOGREFE.

Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Rev. L. P LUDDEN, Rev. L. GROH, D. D.,
Rev. L. M. KUHNS, Rev. E. F. TREFZ,
Rev. W. W. HESS, Mr. R. WEIDENSALL,
Mr. J. F. WILHELMY, Mr. F. W. PETRING.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Home Missions.	
Rev. J. A. KOSER,	Rev. F. A. MATTHIS.
Foreign Missions.	
Rev. W. W. HESS,	Rev. C. J. RINGER.
Church Extension.	
Rev. A. B. LEAMER,	Rev. E. F. TREFZ.
Education.	
Rev. J. A. CLUTZ, D. D.,	Rev. J. L. HAMMOND.
Preparatory Service.	
Rev. S. M. LESHER,	Rev. H. A. WOLFE.
Communion.	
Rev. W. F. EYSTER, D. D.,	Rev. L. GROH, D. D.
Ordination.	
Rev. L. P. LUDDEN,	Rev. J. F. CRESSLER.
Young People's Meeting.	
Rev. J. S. LEAMER,	Rev. M. D. BERG.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—North Platte, Neb.
Time—Fourth Wednesday evening of September, 1902.

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Pursuant to adjournment the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Grace Lutheran Church, West Point, Neb., September 18-22, 1901, Rev. A. B. Leamer, Pastor *loci*.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8.00 P. M.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, President of Synod, delivered the opening sermon. Text: Romans xv. 19-21. Theme: "Apostolic Character of the Christian Ministry."

The Synod was then formally opened by the use of the service in Ministerial Acts.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

A devotional service was led by Rev. H. A. Wolfe.

At 9 A. M. the Synod was opened by singing Hymn No. 26, and prayer.

Calling roll and reception of lay delegates.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegate.
W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, Ll. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
J. G. Groenmiller	1858	Rockport, Mo.	
J. F. Kuhlman, *a. e.*	1858	Martinsburg, Neb.	
B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, Neb.	Charles Pulse, *a. e.*
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
J. L. Hammond	1870	Tekamah, Neb.	C. Christeson.
F. A. Matthis	1871	Davenport, Neb.	I. G. Beam.
J. A. Clutz, D. D.	1872	Atchison, Kan.	
J. F. Cressler	1872	Rising City, Neb.	L. Gorman.
D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Ericsson, Neb.	
J. F. Sponseller, *a. e.*	1874	Ponca, Neb.	W. F. Robinson, *a. e.*
J. W. Kimmel, *a.*	1875	Lincoln, Neb.	
J. A. Koser	1875	Nebraska City, Neb.	W. F. Petring.
R. W. Petrea	1876	Pawnee City, Neb.	
L. P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	Dr. A. T. Peters, *a. e.*
A. T. Ludwig, *a.*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	L. Engle, *a. e.*
W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
L. M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha, Neb.	H. C. Compton, *a. e.*
H. J. Hapeman	1886	Dakota City, Neb.	
M. F. Rinker	1886	Yutan, Neb.	J. Bender.
R. A. White	1886	Lincoln, Neb.	U. J. Martz, *a. e.*
E. Bollman	1889	Wilber, Neb.	J. W. Brewster, *a. e.*
S. R. Elson, *a.*	1889	Omaha, Neb.	
J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte, Neb.	
J. N. Lentz	1892	Atchison, Kan.	
W. C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1892	Richfield, Neb.	
W. W. Hess	1893	Beatrice, Neb.	A. Moschel, *a. e.*
J. S. Leamer	1894	Sidney, Neb.	
S. M. Lesher	1894	Dakota City, Neb.	F. Culbertson.
C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne, Neb.	John Benning.
P. G. Tonsing, *a. e.*	1894	Hardy, Neb.	
E. F. Trefz, *a. e.*	1894	Omaha, Neb.	
H. A. Wolfe	1895	McCool Junction, Neb	E. C. Gilliland, *a. e.*
M. D. Berg	1896	Benedict, Neb.	O. C. Jackson.
A. B. Leamer	1897	West Point, Neb.	U. Bruner.
C. N. Swihart	1901	Atchison, Kan.	
		Stella, Neb.	W. H. Hogrefe.
		Pawnee Co., Zion.	
		Grand Island.	
		Hastings	W. S. Dieken.

a. Absent.

a. e. Absent and excused.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost;" for "This is the word of the Lord, saying, not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

A benign Providence has governed in the Master's kingdom within our Synodical bounds during the year now closed. A century of marvelous achievement has closed, and we have crossed the threshold and stand within the portal of a new century full of evangelical promise, rich with anticipation of increasing spiritual power for the extension of Christ's kingdom.

In recognition of the teaching of Article XVI. of the Augsburg Confession, concerning civil affairs, your attention is directed to the national calamity befalling us in the assassination of President McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y., on September 6th; and I take occasion to express what is undoubtedly the conviction of the members of this body, that it is high time anarchy should be vigorously suppressed by the strong arm of international law.

On May 25th, 1901, Rev. C. A. Fritze, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Hastings, Neb., departed this life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

According to constitutional requirement, I present a brief summary of my official acts:

I. RESIGNATIONS.

November 1st, 1900, Rev. W. A. Lipe resigned at Ponca.

December 23d, 1900, Rev. E. Bollman resigned at Davenport.

January 6th, 1901, Rev. J. F. Sponseller resigned at Nebraska City.

January 22d, 1901, Rev. J. S. Leamer resigned at Wilber.

September 9th, 1901, Rev. H. Zimmerman informed me that he resigned at Stella, February 24th.

II. DISMISSALS.

May 6th, 1901, Rev. J. N. Zimmer to the Kansas Synod.

July 4th, 1901, Rev. W. A. Lipe to the Iowa Synod.

August 4th, 1901, Rev. G. A. Neeff, Ph. D., after the reception of a satisfactory excuse for his absence from the South Platte Conference, was dismissed to the German Nebraska Synod.

September 4th, 1901, Rev. H. Zimmerman, after the reception of a satisfactory excuse for his absence from the South Platte Conference, was dismissed to the Kansas Synod.

III. CALLS ACCEPTED.

November 1st, 1900, Rev. H. A. Wolfe informed me he had accepted a call to McCool Junction.

November 14th, 1900, Rev. J. F. Seibert, from the Kansas Synod, took charge at North Platte.

January 6th, 1901, Rev. J. F. Sponseller informed me he had been called to Ponca.

March 1st, 1901, Rev. J. S. Leamer began work at Sidney.

May 21st, 1901, Rev. J. A. Koser, from the Iowa Synod, informed me he had taken charge at Nebraska City.

January 29th, 1901, Rev. F. A. Matthis, from the Northern Illinois Synod, informed me he had taken charge of the Davenport pastorate.

July 2d, 1901, Rev. M. F. Rinker, from the Olive Branch Synod, began his pastorate at Yutan and Roca.

September 18th, 1901, Rev. E. Bollman informed me he had taken charge at Wilber.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

December 2d, 1900, Rev. J. F. Seibert was installed at North Platte by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

July 10th, 1901, Revs. L. P. Ludden and R. A. White were appointed to install Rev. M. F. Rinker at Roca. Arrangements have not been completed for this service.

V. SUPPLIES.

April 27th, 1901, Mr. C. N. Swihart, a student of the Western Theological Seminary, was authorized to supply at Stella during the summer vacation.

June 23d, 1901, Mr. William T. Kahse, a student at Midland College, was authorized to supply St. Paul's Church, Hastings, during the summer vacation.

Ad interim license, according to the action of Synod, 1900, was granted Mr. Swihart, and a provisional ad interim license to Mr. Kahse. I trust Synod will approve the President's action in granting Mr. Kahse license, as circumstances made it expedient. However, a precedent should not be established.

VI. DEDICATIONS.

November 11th, 1900, Jewell Lutheran Church, Jewell County, Kan., Rev. Paul G. Tonsing, pastor, was dedicated. Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., conducted the dedicatory services and preached the sermon. The church cost $1400.00. It is a beautiful structure, 28 x 36, and is lighted with acetylene gas. This new church is located five miles south of Hardy, in the country, and is a part of that pastorate.

December 30th, 1900, Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, pastor, after being renovated and enlarged, was reopened with appro-

priate services. Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, preached the sermon.

June 9th, 1901, Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb., Rev. L. P. Ludden, pastor, with great rejoicing, after a long struggle, dedicated their new house of worship to the worship and service of God. The cost of the church building was $5997.88. The interior of the edifice is most conveniently arranged. The main audience room is 42 feet square, with a choir loft 8 x 20 feet. Adjoining the main room and separated by folding doors is the Sunday school room, 24 x 40 feet, with two class rooms opening off from it. All the building can be thrown into one great audience room, with the pulpit so arranged that the seats in the Sunday school room simply complete the circle of the pews, bringing these seats just as near the pulpit as seats in the main room. The audience room is amphitheatre in shape, with floor inclined toward the pulpit. The pastor's room opens directly upon the platform in the main room or the Sunday school room. The pews are on circles from a common centre immediately back of the pulpit, so that the occupants of pews in both rooms face directly toward the speaker. They are constructed of quarter sawed oak, finished in beautiful shade of antique, rubbed down to an egg-shell gloss, while the pew ends are of a handsome pattern, with hand-carved and scroll work.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, had charge of the finances. At the evening services the President and Secretary of Synod were also present to participate in the worship and congratulate the congregation.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

November 29th, 1900, Rev. C. J. Ringer informed me the congregation at Wayne had purchased property adjoining that of the church for a parsonage.

January 30th, 1901, Rev. J. L. Hammond informed me the congregation at Tekamah had secured a parsonage on a lot adjoining the church, at a cost of $1039.00. "It is a neat, comfortable, six-room house with hall and stairs."

April 23d, 1901, Rev. J. F. Seibert, North Platte, informed me the parsonage would be improved by enlarging rooms and adding porches, at a cost of $600.00.

April 30th, 1901, in accordance with the action of Synod at its last convention, the Secretary of Synod was directed to drop the First Church, better known as St. Mark's, Lincoln, from the roll.

May 16th, 1901, a circular letter was sent the pastors and congregations calling attention to the Twentieth Anniversary of the Western Supervision of Home Mission Work in the General Synod, suggesting a special offering be made for the cause of Home Missions on Whitsunday.

August 17th, 1901, Rev. E. W. Simon, President of the Rocky Mountain

Synod, at the request of your President, acting under the instruction of this Synod, dismissed the Potter congregation to the Nebraska Synod.

August 19th, 1901, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, Ponca, Neb., informed me the Salem congregation had bought an eight-room house for a parsonage.

September 2d, 1901, St. Paul's Church, Hastings, informed me they had elected Rev. William T. Kahse pastor, subject to the action of Synod, and petition you to grant Mr. Kahse a license. This has been referred to the Examining Committee.

September 3d, 1901, Rev. M. D. Berg informed me the congregation at Benedict had built a parish house, 20 x 40 feet, at a cash outlay of $175.00, the work being donated.

September 4th, 1901, Rev. A. B. Leamer informed me the congregation at West Point were building a parsonage at a cost of $4000.00.

September 5th, 1901, Rev. H. A. Wolfe informed me the congregation at McCool Junction, contemplated the purchase of property for the erection of a church edifice.

September 9th, 1901, under Article III., Section 6, of the Constitution, I appointed Revs. W. Dieffenbach, E. Bollman, and R. A. White Committee on Minutes of Last Convention, to report after organization of Synod.

September 9th, 1901, the Executive Council of Synod, by resolution, requested the President to call an executive session, at a convenient time during the present convention.

September 16th, 1901, Rev. S. M. Lesher informed me Salem Church had been improved and repaired, at a cost of $200.00, and that the church at Homer would be repaired, at a cost of $175.00.

I am glad to report the adjustment of the difficulty at Roca, and that a settlement of the difficulty at Yutan has been effected.

VIII. VACANCIES.

The following vacancies exist within our Synodical bounds: Grand Island, Stella, and Wilber.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That an Obituary Committee be appointed.

2. The Secretary informs me the supply of Constitutions of Synod is about exhausted. Should Synod order a new edition of the Constitution printed, the amendments made since the Constitution was adopted should be incorporated, and the standing resolutions printed as an appendix.

3. There are, in the archives of Synod, copies of the Constitution of Churches, in connection with the Rocky Mountain Synod. I recommend the Secretary be instructed to send these Constitutions to the President of the Rocky Mountain Synod.

4. Synod should endeavor to devise some practical method for the enforcement of Article IV., Sections 2, 3, 5, 9 and 10, and Article VI., Sections 1, 2 and 4, of the Constitution of Synod.

5. In accordance with the proclamation of President Roosevelt, designating Thursday, September 19th, as a day of mourning and prayer, Synod should arrange a memorial service, at such time as may be convenient to the congregation as well as Synod to attend.

Allow me to present my grateful thanks to the brethren for their courteous treatment of my imperfections, and to return you the trust committed to me with heartfelt acknowledgment of your kind co-operation in the arduous duties of this office.

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen."

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
President.

The report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Secretary's Report.

During the previous Convention of the Nebraska Synod, the following by action of Synod made it the duty of the Secretary:

1. To send to the prominent members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Lincoln copies of the Minutes, with the action of Synod relating thereto marked.

2. To notify delinquent pastors of the standing rule of this Synod, that ministers without charges shall pay annually into the Synodical Treasury two dollars, and to request them to remit the same.

3. To send immediately after adjournment of Synod a copy of the action of the Synod in the Yutan case to the German Secretary of the congregation at Yutan, also one to the English element of the same.

I hereby report to Synod that all these duties have been fully complied with.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. WHITE,
Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Election of Officers.

President—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Omaha.
Secretary—Rev. R. A. White, Lincoln.
Treasurer—Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, Stella.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. E. Bollman, Wilber.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:
We have examined with care the Minutes of last Synodical Convention,

held at Pawnee City, Neb., from September 27th to 30th, 1900, and find nothing claiming the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DIEFFENBACH,
E. BOLLMAN,
R. A. WHITE.

Report of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council held one meeting during the year, at Waverly, Neb.

The Treasurer' bond was approved,

The President was requested to call an executive session of Synod during the present Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE,
U. J. MARTZ,
Proxy for E. F. Trefz.

Greetings from the German Synod of Nebraska, sent by Rev. C. Klinger, were read by Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

The Synod was addressed on the subject of Home Missions by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Hours of Sessions.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows:

Morning—Meet at 9.00, close at 11.30.

Afternoon—Meet at 2.00, close at 5.00.

Advisory Members.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

List of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Rev. J. A. Koser, Mr. F. W. Petring.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Messrs. Frederick Culbertson, John Benning, O. C. Jackson.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. J. N. Lentz, Rev. J. Zimmerman, Mr. J. Bender.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. A. B. Leamer, Mr. C. Christeson.

5. *State of Religion*—Rev. M. D. Berg, Rev. F. A. Matthis, Rev. L. P. Ludden.

6. *Obituary Committee*—Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, Mr. U. Bruner.

7. *Excuses*—Rev. W. W. Hess, Rev. R. W. Petrea, Mr. J. Benning.

8. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. J. F. Seibert.

9. *Resolutions*—Rev. W. Dieffenbach, Rev. J. F. Cressler, Rev. C. J. Ringer.

10. *South Sioux City*—Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. H. J. Hapeman.

11. *Apportionment*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. E. Bollman, Mr. F. Culbertson.

12. *Vacancies*—Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. M. D. Berg.

13. *Calendar*—Rev. R. W. Petrea, Rev. M. F. Rinker, Mr. O. C. Jackson.

14. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. F. Cressler, Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. J. L. Hammond.

15. *Sunday Services*—Rev. A. B. Leamer, Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Advisory Board of Home Missions submit the following report:

Beatrice.—The Rev. W. W. Hess is pastor of this mission. There has been a marked increase in the spirituality of this congregation. The standing of the church in the city has been much improved. The outlook is promising. The church finances are in good condition. The church debt, it is hoped, will be paid in full by January 1st, 1902.

Davenport became self-supporting November 24th, 1900.

Ericsson.—Rev. I. N. Augustine, the faithful pastor, is always on hand to battle for the truth. The mission is making progress slowly, as the opportunities are not large and the work is "against a heavy tide." In connection with Ericsson, other points have been taken up "alternating with Ericsson every Sunday."

The three preaching places are as here noted:

1. Cedar River School-house, one and one-half miles east of L. Johnson's, situated in Greeley County.

2. Upper Clear Creek, situated three miles west of Bartlett.

3. Howe Settlement, midway between Ericsson and Bartlett. At all of these three stations we reach some people who have not attended any service for many years.

Lincoln, Grace.—The Rev. Luther P. Ludden is the efficient pastor. "Marked increase in attendance since the completion of the new church. Sunday school growing fast, so much so that we have to move two classes into the audience room proper. Losses of active workers very great. Recently sent ten good workers back to Pennsylvania."

Omaha, St. Mark's.—The pastor, Rev. L. Groh, is to be congratulated upon the reception of the degree of D. D. from Susquehanna University. "The Young People's meeting, the Sunday school, and the church services have been well attended. The Holy Communion has been regularly celebrated. The prayer meeting has been good. Outlook good."

Omaha, Grace.—Rev. Luther M. Kuhns is pastor of this mission. Through the kindness of friends interested in the welfare of the pastor and congregation, extensive improvements have been made during the year in the church property. The church was enlarged and improved at an expense of $700.00 by the addition of a comfortable study, and providing a suitable place for altar, baptismal font, and pipe organ. June 2d a fine two manual Moller pipe organ, valued at $2000.00, was dedicated, Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D., preaching the sermon. Twenty-three removals are reported; nevertheless, the prospect is encouraging.

Pawnee City.—Rev. R. W. Petrea, pastor. This mission is composed of Pawnee City, Steinauer, and Clear Creek School-house. There are some things that are quite encouraging, others are very discouraging to the pastor. But the labors of our missionary have been faithful and earnest. It takes grace to hold on faithfully, but we have an earnest hope that the labors of the pastor and his earnest band of workers will eventually bring forth good results. The charge has doubled its apportionment, and are very faithful in paying their pastor's salary and in church attendance.

Sidney.—Rev. J. S. Leamer, pastor. This mission is doing as well as can be expected. The Union Pacific Railway abandoning all work here takes several of our best families away. Time alone will tell the results of future work. They have painted, papered, and carpeted the inside of the church so that they have a beautiful house of worship. They hope to paint the outside soon. They have painted the parsonage, and the property is in fair shape. Brother Leamer has taken up work at Bronson School, eight miles west of Sidney, and organized a Sunday school, but the people have been so long without anything of the kind that they are hard to interest. He preaches at Potter once every four weeks. There is not much of an outlook there, but we can in this way hold the field and make use of that handsome little stone church. The Board of Church Extension have authorized the repair of the church at Potter.

Wayne.—The work under Rev. C. J. Ringer is moving steadily forward. Its parsonage property was purchased at a cost of $1600.00. This property adjoins that of the church on the south. By an addition of 12 x 13 to the house since its purchase, it has been enlarged to nine rooms. The chairs in the church have been replaced by handsome, comfortable pews at a cost of $200.00. The outlook is most encouraging.

Wilber.—No reply has been received to the communications sent this congregation.

RECOMMENDATION.

Your Advisory Board is informed fine openings for the Lutheran Church exist at Stromsburg and South Sioux City. If arrangements could be made to connect the Bethel congregation in York County with Stromsburg and a pastor located in this field, a promising work could be inaugurated. The correspondence with reference to South Sioux City should be referred to a special committee for consideration and report at this Convention. Stromsburg might be referred to the South Platte Conference and Advisory Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE.

The report was amended and adopted.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1.30 P. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

On motion, the suggestion of Dr. Clutz, that Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., speak this evening in place of himself, was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

BRETHREN: I have the honor as your Treasurer to make the following report for the Synodical year ending August 31st, 1901:

RECEIPTS.

To amount from Ex-Treasurer, Mr. A. Andersen		$88 57
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$403 92	
Children's	36 43	
Twentieth Century Fund	76 07	
Twentieth Anniversary Fund	28 75	
Synodical Pledges	25 00	
		570 17

Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$265 17	
Children's	55 72	
Students in India	35 00	
		$355 89
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$327 67	
Children's	56 45	
		384 12
Educational—		
Received for Beneficiary Education	$262 80	
Received for Board of Education	218 99	
Received for Midland College Library Fund	23 40	
Received for Midland College, Addition to Ladies' Hall	30 00	
Received for Carthage College Library Fund	20 00	
		555 19
Received for Orphans' Home		82 55
Received for Pastors' Fund		111 35
Received for General Synod		80 50
Received for Synodical Treasury		126 50
Received for Deaconess Board		70 69
Received for National Lutheran Home		49 59
Total		$2475 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer Home Mission Board		$563 17
Paid Treasurer Foreign Mission Board		355 89
Paid Treasurer Church Extension Board		379 12
Paid Treasurer Board of Education		218 99
Paid Treasurer Orphans' Home		82 55
Paid Treasurer Pastors' Fund		111 35
Paid Treasurer General Synod		80 50
Paid Treasurer Deaconess Board		70 69
Paid Treasurer National Lutheran Home		49 59
Paid President of Midland College		53 40
Paid President of Carthage College		20 00
Paid on Beneficiary Accounts—		
Oscar Woods	$90 00	
Clarence Swihart	75 00	
William Kahse	75 00	
		240 00

Paid out of Synodical Treasurer Fund—

Lutheran Publication Society	$94 38	
Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Synodical expenses	10 88	
Rev. L. Groh, expenses as delegate to German Synod	4 75	
Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Synodical expenses	1 55	
Rev. R. A. White, Synodical expenses	6 18	
Tablets for Synod	40	
George E. Ring, Printing	7 25	
Stamps and Freight on Books	3 25	
		$128 64
Total amount paid out		$2351 89
Balance on hand in the Beneficiary Fund	$111 23	
Balance on hand in the Home Mission Fund	7 00	
Balance on hand in the Church Extension Fund	5 00	
		$123 23
Total		$2475 12

The last two items were received too late for disbursements.

We still owe the Publication House $14.59.

The 165 receipt stubs agree with the cash account, less balance on hand at the beginning of my term, and show all the money received during the Synodical year, viz.: $2386.55.

The 60 numbered vouchers with receipts thereto attached submitted herewith show how much and to whom the money has been paid.

The tabulated exhibit shows that 2 out of 38 congregations met their apportionment, 11 have exceeded their apportionment, and the others show a deficiency. About 65 per cent. of the apportionment has been raised. The congregation that paid the most money is the church in which the session of Synod is now being held. The congregation that paid the most per member is Pawnee City, being $3.31 per member.

Your Treasurer feels grateful to the congregations who have met or exceeded their apportionment, but regrets that not more have met their apportionment.

With thanks for courtesies extended to me during the year and with best wishes and prayers for our beloved Zion, especially upon the Synod of Nebraska, I most respectfully submit my report.

W. H. HOGREFE,
Treasurer Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

The report was referred to Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical

	Home Missions.					Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.		
	Regular.	Children's.	Twentieth Century Fund.	Twentieth Anniversary Fund.	Synodical Pledge.	Regular.	Children's.	Student, India.	Regular.	Children's.	Beneficiary Education.
Auburn	$2 50					$2 60			$3 45		
Aurora	1 80										
Beatrice	27 90		$3 27			22 66			22 66		$9 60
Benedict, Bethel	8 75					7 70			7 70		7 00
Benedict, Zion	21 16					18 82			17 16		15 60
Carlisle	4 75					4 18			4 66		4 30
Clear Creek	1 25		7 80				$2 00				
Dakota City, Emanuel	5 00	$8 50				15 00	5 49	$20 00	11 99		8 20
Dakota County, Salem	25 58			$6 75		14 36	5 00		19 36		17 60
Dakota County, St. Paul's	5 25					3 00			3 00		5 00
Davenport, Christ's	13 00					11 44			11 44		10 40
Ericsson	3 00					3 00			2 78		
Grand Island											
Hardy	12 00								5 00		
Hastings	5 00					3 00					
Lincoln, Grace	17 40					11 50			15 00		5 00
McCool Junction									14 00		7 00
Nebraska City	22 25					19 58			19 58		18 80
North Platte	26 88	6 31				6 64	18 00		9 64	$15 [illegible]	26 75
Omaha, Grace	8 00			2 00		2 43			5 25		3 15
Omaha, Kountze Memorial							10 55			18 [illegible]	
Omaha, St. Mark's	13 00		5 00			15 00		15 00	16 50		10 00
Pawnee	22 10		10 00	9 00		12 30			10 53		7 80
Ponca	20 54	9 46							12 67	15 [illegible]	
Richfield											
Rising City	8 72					7 65			12 89		9 40
Roca						5 00			7 00		2 00
Sidney	2 00					50			2 00		1 00
Stella	26 00			10 00		12 50			15 00		10 00
Surprise	5 45	11 05				17 89			19 54		8 20
Steinauer	50			1 00							
Tekamah, Emanuel	9 50					8 36			8 36		7 60
Tekamah, Grace	10 82					7 32			8 40		7 20
Waverly	9 77	1 11				7 20	3 58		2 33	7 [illegible]	2 00
Wayne	6 50								3 00		5 80
West Point	40 50					24 54	11 10		35 78		12 40
Wilber	3 00										
Yutan	13 05										
Aughey, S., D. D.											
Clutz, J. A., D. D.											1 00
Groenmiller, Rev.											1 00
Eyster, W. F., D. D.											
Hapeman, Rev. H. J.											
Kimmel, Rev. J. W.											
Gettle, Rev. W. G.											
Kuhlman, Rev. J. F.	1 00					1 00			100		
Lentz, Rev. J. N.											
Link, Rev. J. H.											
Sickel, Rev. B.											
Miller, J. H.			50 00		20 00						
Petrea, Rev. R. W.					5 00						
Totals	$403 92	$36 43	$76 07	$28 75	$25 00	$265 17	$55 72	$35 00	$327 67	$56 [illegible]	$2 80

odical Year.

Education.					Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Fund.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Totals.	Apportionment.	Deficiency.	Excess.
Beneficiary Education.	Board of Education.	Midland College Library Fund.	Addition to Ladies' Hall, Midland College.	Carthage College Library Fund.										
					$4 14						$12 69	$82 50	$73 95	
											1 80			
9 60	$16 48	$1 60			6 42	$10 30	$5 15	$6 18	$7 21	$5 15	154 58	132 14		$16 02
7 00	5 60				3 86	3 50	1 75	2 10	2 45	1 75	52 16	48 30		
5 60	12 48	3 00			4 35	7 80	3 90	4 68	5 46	3 90	118 31	97 64		16 32
4 30	3 04					1 90	95	2 14	1 03	95	27 90	25 92		1 98
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8 20	6 56	2 40				4 10	2 05	2 46	2 87	2 05	96 67	56 58		40 09
17 60	14 08	3 50				8 80	4 40	5 28	6 16	4 40	135 27	121 44		13 83
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20 40	8 32					6 95	5 20	6 25			73 00	143 52	70 52	
					10 00						18 78	14 94	6 16	
					3 26						20 26	138 00	121 00	
	3 00						2 00	2 00			15 00	237 36	222 36	
5 00						2 00		3 25			54 15	154 52	100 37	
7 00	8 00						3 25	3 90			36 15	89 70	53 55	
38 80	13 24					9 90	4 45	5 34	5 23	4 45	122 82	122 82		
96 75	24 92	3 65				11 20	5 60	11 75	7 84	5 60	280 78	154 82		25 96
3 15	2 00					1 00	75	2 50	1 00		28 08	149 91	121 83	
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7 80	8 25	4 50	$15 00		10 00	5 95	1 95	2 34	2 73	1 95	124 40	55 82		58 58
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8 20	6 58				10 95	4 10	2 15	2 46	2 87	2 05	93 29	56 58		25 76
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7 60	6 68				5 00	3 80	1 90	2 28	2 52	1 80	57 80	52 44		36
7 20	8 86				4 33	3 60	1 80	2 16	2 50	1 19	58 18	49 68		4 17
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5 80	2 00				5 65		2 70	3 00			28 65	74 52	51 52	
32 40	25 92					16 20	8 10	9 72	11 34	8 10	223 70	223 56		14
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W. H. HOGREFF, *Treasurer.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

At 3 P. M. a service in memory of Hon. William McKinley, late President of the United States, was held.

The service for the Day of Prayer and Litany was used. Addresses were delivered by Revs. H. J. Hapeman, H. L. Yarger, D. D., and S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Revs. A. B. Leamer, H. J. Hapeman, and J. L. Hammond.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8.00 P. M.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., on Church Extension, and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., on Home Missions.

Collection, $7.71.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY 8.30 A. M.

A half-hour devotional service was led by Mr. F. Culbertson.

Synod opened with prayer.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Rev. W. W. Hess was appointed to convey the greetings of this body to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society now in session at the Congregational Church.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

The Committee on North Platte Conference respectfully reports that the Conference met at Wayne and carried out the programme as arranged. Nothing claiming the attention of the Synod was transacted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LENTZ,
J. ZIMMERMAN,
J. BENDER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, beg leave to report that we have examined said report carefully and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

F. CULBERTSON,
O. C. JACKSON,
JOHN BENNING.

The report was adopted.

On motion the floor was accorded to Dr. Yarger, who spoke on the work of the Board of Church Extension.

Bill in favor of Rev. R. A. White for $4.15, on account of the Synodical expenses, was allowed.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Notice is hereby given that an amendment to the Constitution, Art. XIV., Sec. 3, will be proposed at next meeting of the Synod, so as to read: "An Advisory Board of Home Missions consisting of five members, which shall include the President and Secretary of Synod."

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report beg leave to report as follows:

We find the report to be a careful and complete exhibit of the official acts of our President during the past Synodical year. And that we hereby approve of his official acts, and that we express our appreciation of his efficient efforts in the discharge of his official duties.

While the action of our President in granting ad interim license to Mr. Kahse was not strictly regular, we would recommend its endorsement in view of the peculiarity of the circumstances.

With reference to the settlement of the difficulty at Yutan, we would suggest that, if expedient, the President briefly explain the manner and result of the settlement for the information of the members of the Synod.

Your committee would endorse all the recommendations of our President, save No. 4, for which we see no special reason, as already covered by constitutional provision.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
F. W. PETRING,
J. A. KOSER.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

1. The Fortieth Convention of the General Synod met in St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa, May 29th, 1901. All things considered, the attendance of delegates was very good. Our Nebraska primarii delegates were all there except one, whose place was not filled. But some of our ministers were there who were not delegates. This abundantly made up our lack. The officers are as follows: President, Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D.; Treasurer, Mr. Louis Manss.

2. Delegates from other Christian organizations were present: (*a*) Mrs. A. V. Hamma, of Washington, D. C., was introduced and presented the greetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod. (*b*) Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D. D., of Lebanon, Pa., presented greetings from the General Council Lutheran Church. (*c*) Rev. A. B. Marshall, D. D., of Des Moines, Iowa, greeted the Synod in the name of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America. (*d*) Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., of Canton, Ohio, expressed the fraternal greeting of the Reformed Church of America. It was really more than pleasant to hear these greetings. It was inspiring; it was blessed. It shows that while we are working along different lines, under different organizations, and under different denominational names, that our work is the same, and we are all "one" in Jesus.

3. The Boards of our Church necessarily occupied much time. The reports were full and, for the most part, were exceedingly encouraging. Some of the financial reports were the finest ever made by our Secretaries.

It is with great pleasure that we refer to the action of the General Synod with reference to the charges against the Board of Foreign Missions, to wit: (*a*) in not returning Rev. N. E. Yeiser to India, and (*b*) in the appointment of Rev. L. B. Wolf as Associate Secretary. These two things in connection with the Yeiser ice-machine question had confused many minds, and were causing them to withhold the Lord's money from the Board of Foreign Missions. After a thorough investigation and a most satisfactory explanation of all these vexed questions on the part of the Board, the Synod passed these two resolutions (see page 125 of the Minutes of General Synod): (*a*) "That it is the sense of the General Synod that the Board of Foreign Missions, in declining

to return Rev. N. E. Yeiser to India, acted in good faith and with wisdom." (*b*) "That the Board acted in good faith and with wisdom in appointing Rev. L. B. Wolf as Associate Secretary." It was surely very pleasing to every true minister and every loyal member of the General Synod to know that these resolutions were passed with a cheerful heart and with a unanimous vote. We should never allow anything or any person to destroy our loyalty and cause us to withhold our personal offering from the Lord. We ought to have faith in God and in His instrumentalities.

While the Synod was forced, through circumstances, to take some undesirable action in reference to our work in Africa, which seems to be a kind of a backward movement (page 47), yet there was a deep undertone, supported, as it appeared, by the Holy Spirit, whispering in our hearts and saying, "*Resolved*, That we do not give up our work in Africa, but let us rally to its hearty support."

One of the most pleasing features of the whole Convention was the celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Western Supervision of our Home Mission Work, of which the Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., was the central figure. The reception given to our most worthy Secretary at the Avery Hotel, and the raising of $4445.00 in his honor, and the Twentieth Anniversary exercises are among the things never to be forgotten by those who were present.

4. By the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee on Overtures from the Susquehanna and Maryland Synods (page 93 of Minutes of General Synod), a new column will be opened in our Parochial Report, in which the number of the children baptized, but not yet confirmed, shall be recorded. We recommend that this new order be observed, and that in giving letters of dismission to parents or heads of families the pastors give by name the unconfirmed baptized children that go with them.

5. From the Report of the Committee on the Official Church Paper (see page 57), we learn that such a paper has not yet been established, but many things of value have been learned, some points of advantage have been gained, and the worthy committee was continued to report again at the next meeting.

6. Orphans' Home in the West. A property worth $5000.00 has been offered to the General Synod for an orphanage (see page 80).

We recommend that we give this our most hearty support, both moral and financial.

7. A very important matter of the work of the General Synod was the Report of the Committee on Temperance. They made a fine report, showing how threatening intemperance and anarchy are on the one hand, and how aggressive the work of the temperance cause is on the other.

Here are the resolutions of General Synod (see page 67):

1. *Resolved*, That the proper attitude of the Church toward this traffic should be one of persistent and aggressive opposition.

2. *Resolved*, That in every possible way we use our influence by precept

and example against this great enemy of our Christian and American civilization.

3. *Resolved*, That we are grateful for the temperance work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in both of its branches, and other organizations working along educational lines.

4. *Resolved*, That we commend the American Anti-Saloon League to our people for their continued co-operation and support.

Inasmuch as the liquor traffic is so opposed to every interest of the Church and the salvation of men, so anarchistic in its spirit and actions, so threatening to our free American institutions, and so destructive of individual character and of our pure domestic life, striking down at one blow the first man of our nation, we recommend: (*a*) That these resolutions be embodied in our minutes, and (*b*) That they be read by our pastors to their respective congregations. Also we recommend in connection with the above that resolution No. 2, on page 83, be also inserted with the above resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That we call upon all our people not only to recognize the sanctity of the Lord's day as a day of worship, but to protest against the spirit of desecration so prevalent as being out of harmony with the teachings of the divine word, and in violation of the laws of our land.

8. Apportionment. Our Synod has a constituency of 2525. We are apportioned as follows: Foreign Missions, $505.00; Home Missions, $707.00; Church Extension, $505.00; Board of Education, $303.00; Pastors' Fund, $176.75; General Synod, $75.75; Deaconess Board, $176.75; Home for the Aged, $126.25, making a total of $2575.50. This is only a little over $1.00 per capita. Every dollar of this ought to be raised. It can be raised, and if the pastors will be faithful and not grow weary or afraid in this matter it will be raised.

Our Synod was deficient in the treasury of the General Synod to the amount of $22.42. That much was lacking in paying our traveling expenses. But the General Synod paid our way—every cent. Very kind, indeed. But they added that to our General Synod Fund, and expect us to pay it. Your committee recommend that proper efforts and faithful efforts be made by every pastor, and that this column be made in full, as well as all the other columns. It is the feeling of your committee that no minister should think of coming up to Synod without his full apportionment. What can we do—what can we accomplish in any line of work without money? It is all true, the Lord could carry on His work of saving this world without money, but He has not seen good to do so, and, according to His present plan, the Lord hath need of it and must have it.

Your committee would like to speak yet of the State of the Church; how encouraging on the one hand, and how very humiliating on the other. We would like to speak of our Board of Education, and especially of Midland College and our Western Theological Seminary, and show how they demand our attention—how they should arouse our sympathies, and at the same time call

forth our loudest praises for what they have accomplished, and for what they are now accomplishing, crippled though they be for the want of more money. We now lay these institutions on your heart, asking you to give them your most fervent prayers and your most hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PETREA,
R. A. WHITE,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
J. S. LEAMER,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
FRED. ROTTMAN,
ANDREW ANDERSEN,
J. H. MILLER.

The report was considered item by item, amended, and adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on South Platte Conference submit the following report: We find that a successful meeting of this Conference was held at Benedict, Neb., Rev. M. D. Berg, pastor, April 23d to 25th, 1901.

There is nothing in the Minutes requiring the attention of Synod.

The committee would call attention to a seeming lack of interest in the meetings of Conference and a failure in attendance. This should not be, and an effort should be made to overcome this condition, inasmuch as it threatens the very life of our Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
A. B. LEAMER,
C. CHRISTESON.

Report adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee would respectfully report:

We have carefully examined Clarence N. Swihart, Senior in the Western Theological Seminary of the General Synod, located at Atchison, Kan.

His answers on the different subjects were satisfactory. He is a credit to our institutions.

We recommend him for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
R. W. PETREA,
J. N. LENTZ,
W. DIEFFENBACH.

The report was adopted.

On motion, Mrs. S. S. Reigle was accorded the privileges of the floor to present the greetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Rev. C. A. Fritze, one of the older members of our Synod, died at Hastings, Neb., May 25th, 1901. He had been failing for the last few years. Without any special sickness the embers of life gradually burned lower until finally the glow ceased. He was born in Germany, September 16th, 1828. During his youth and early manhood he received all the solid education for which Germany is noted.

He came to this country some forty years ago. He spent a short time at Gettysburg to become somewhat familiar with the ways and mode of thinking in our land. He was a man of the finest attainments. The Church in general knew little of his ability, as he was always modest and retiring. In the sacred languages, he was a walking cyclopedia.

The Confession of our Church he had thoroughly mastered. On any point of theology he could talk edifyingly by the hour. In the earlier part of his life he served very important churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. He was better known there than in Nebraska. As pastor and friend, he was genial, friendly, sympathetic. The sick he tenderly cared for. He came to Hastings in June, 1888. His family never came to Nebraska.

His wife died eleven years before him. Five daughters survive him. He had the highest respect of the Germans and other citizens during his many years at Hastings. His countrymen who knew him best held him in highest esteem. His age was 72 years, 8 months, and 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
U. BRUNER.

The report was adopted by the rising vote, while Rev. J. G. Groenmiller led in prayer.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Synod at its regular meeting held at Pawnee City inadvertently passed a resolution (see page 18, Minutes of 1900) that reflected seriously upon the institutions at Midland, and the professors and agents connected therewith; therefore,

Resolved, That said resolution be rescinded, and that the Secretary be instructed to expunge the same from the protocol.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

The vacancies within the bounds of Synod are: Stella, Grand Island, and Hastings.

Stella has been efficiently supplied during the summer vacation by Mr. C. N. Swihart, a member of the Senior Class of the Western Theological Seminary. Steps are now being taken to secure a regular pastor, a canvass for pastoral support having just been made.

For the good of the Church, your committee expresses the hope that a man may be secured at as early a date as possible.

Grand Island has been vacant for more than a year. The voluminous correspondence placed in our hands indicates a deplorable condition of affairs in that congregation. There is a manifest indifference among some of the people that is appalling. If our work is to be saved and the interest revived, immediate and effective means on the part of Synod and people must be taken.

The Board of Home Missions is desirous that the work be taken up and pressed with vigor, and has made a liberal appropriation toward pastoral support.

In view of the unsatisfactory way this work has been allowed to drag along by our Grand Island people, we recommend that the entire matter be intrusted to the care of the President, with authority to adjust any difficulties in the way of placing a man in the field immediately.

The church at Hastings has been made vacant by the death of Rev. C. A. Fritze. By appointment of the President the work has been efficiently cared for by Mr. William T. Kahse, a member of the Senior Class of Midland College, during the summer vacation.

The field needs and deserves a regular pastor at once. We recommend that the President of Synod be instructed to help secure a suitable man for this pastorate, and until such permanent arrangements can be effected that supplies be arranged for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SEIBERT,
M. D. BERG.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8.00 P. M.

Sermon on Foreign Missions was delivered by Rev. W. Dieffenbach. Text, 2 Cor. v. 14.

Collection, $5.01.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.30 A. M.

A half-hour devotional exercise was led by Rev. R. W. Petrea.

Synod opened with singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Committee on South Sioux City.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of South Sioux City would report:

That, after a careful examination of the letters and papers placed in our hands and conference with the brethren acquainted with the field, we believe that the time has come for the immediate reopening of our work at this point. It is developing very rapidly, one thousand people living there; many of whom own their own homes. We have a fairly good chapel, free from debt. At present there is no resident pastor, and the business men of the city agree that they will support the denomination that will place a pastor on the field. Many of the people are Lutherans or from Lutheran families.

That the Rev. S. M. Lesher of the North Platte Conference be made chairman of a special committee, with power to choose his own assistants, to make a careful canvass of the field with the view of locating a pastor immediately. If after the investigation the committee believes the outlook would justify the immediate reopening of the work, that in the name of our Synod he request the Board of Church Extension to assist in the repairing of the chapel.

That, upon a favorable report from this committee, our Advisory Board of Home Missions be instructed to ask the Board of Home Missions to waive their usual rule and commission some brother as pastor at this place.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
J. S. LEAMER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your Committee on State of Religion beg leave to report the following:

Not over sixty per cent. of our churches report any mid-week prayer meeting. Very few of those who have them give very encouraging reports. As a rule, the Christian Endeavor prayer meetings, where held, are very helpful.

The Lord's Supper is observed in nearly every congregation from one to five times a year. In most cases it is faithfully observed.

With but few exceptions parents are faithful in presenting children for baptism.

Catechetical classes are held in nearly all our churches. Many of the pastors attribute the cause for poor attendance to the parents.

Most of the churches report good active Sunday schools. Many of these schools observe the various Board days, and find them helpful in raising their apportionment.

The missionary activity is not as encouraging as it should be. There are not enough societies in our Synod, and there is not as great interest as we might wish taken by the church in this great work.

A number of our churches report a growth in the grace of giving, which some of the pastors attribute to the use of the benevolence envelopes furnished by Synod. Some of our congregations apparently do not feel that the amount appropriated by Synod is an honest obligation and that we are in duty bound to meet this debt, as well as raise money for local work, or any other church debts.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
F. A. MATTHIS.

The report was adopted by the rising vote, while Rev. J. F. Cressler led in prayer.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education report that during the year support has been given to Clarence N. Swihart, of the Middle Class in the Seminary, and who will graduate this year; William T. Kahse, of the present Senior Class; and Oscar Woods, of the present Junior Class of the College, as directed by Synod, excepting Clarence N. Swihart, who received but $75.00

Two of these brethren have supplied pulpits during the summer vacation. Brother Swihart supplied at Stella, and Brother Kahse at Hastings. The report from the teachers of these brethren has been submitted to the committee, and we find them very satisfactory.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That aid be given to Clarence N. Swihart during the coming year to the amount of $100.00.

2. Owing to the fact that William T. Kahse has been supplying the Hastings congregation during the summer and has not been able to make as much money as he could have otherwise, the committee would recommend that his aid be increased to $125.00.

3. That aid be given to Oscar Woods to the amount of $100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPONSELLER,
A. B. LEAMER,
W. W. HESS.

The report was adopted.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Totals.
Per Member		$0 03	$0 06	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$1 28
Auburn	61	1 83	3 66	7 32	12 20	17 08	12 20	12 20	4 27	4 27	3 05	78 08
Benedict, Zion	123	3 69	7 38	14 76	26 40	34 44	26 40	26 40	8 61	8 61	6 15	162 84
Benedict, Bethel	39	1 17	2 34	4 68	7 80	10 92	7 80	7 80	2 73	2 73	1 95	49 92
Bertrice	111	3 33	6 66	13 32	22 20	31 08	22 20	22 20	7 77	7 77	5 55	42 08
Bartlett	16	48	96	1 92	3 20	4 48	3 20	3 20	1 12	1 12	80	20 48
Davenport	107	3 21	6 42	12 84	21 40	29 96	21 40	21 40	7 49	7 49	5 35	136 96
Davenport, St. Paul's	19	57	1 14	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	24 32
Dakota City, Emanuel	48	1 44	2 88	5 76	9 60	13 44	9 60	9 60	3 36	3 36	2 40	61 44
Dakota City, Salem	93	2 79	5 58	11 16	18 60	26 04	18 60	18 60	6 51	6 51	4 65	119 04
Dakota City, St. Paul's	18	54	1 08	2 16	3 60	5 04	3 60	3 60	1 26	1 26	90	23 04
Grand Island	28	84	1 68	3 36	5 60	7 84	5 60	5 60	1 96	1 96	1 40	35 84
Hastings	60	1 80	3 60	7 20	12 00	16 80	12 00	12 00	4 20	4 20	3 00	76 80
Hardy	95	2 85	5 70	11 40	19 00	26 60	19 00	19 00	6 65	6 65	4 75	121 60
Lincoln, Grace	124	3 72	7 44	14 88	24 80	34 72	24 80	24 80	8 68	8 68	6 20	158 72
North Platte	132	3 96	7 92	15 84	26 40	36 96	26 40	26 40	9 24	9 24	6 60	168 96
Nebraska City	92	2 76	5 52	11 04	18 40	25 76	18 40	18 40	6 44	6 44	4 60	117 76
Omaha, St. Mark's	74	2 22	4 44	8 88	14 80	20 72	14 80	14 80	5 18	5 18	3 70	94 72
Omaha, Grace	95	2 85	5 70	11 40	19 00	26 60	19 00	19 00	6 65	6 65	4 75	121 60
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	260	7 80	15 60	31 20	52 00	72 80	52 00	52 00	18 20	18 20	13 00	332 80
Ponca	85	2 55	5 10	10 20	17 00	23 80	17 00	17 00	5 95	5 95	4 25	108 80

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 06	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$1 28
Pawnee City	41	1 23	2 46	4 92	8 20	11 48	8 20	8 20	2 87	2 87	2 05	52 48
Roca	20	60	1 20	2 40	4 00	5 60	4 00	4 00	1 40	1 40	1 00	25 60
Surprise	44	1 32	2 64	5 28	8 80	12 32	8 80	8 80	3 08	3 08	2 20	56 32
Rising City	46	1 38	2 76	5 52	9 20	12 88	9 20	9 20	3 22	3 22	2 30	58 88
Stella	110	3 30	6 60	13 20	22 00	30 80	22 00	22 00	7 70	7 70	5 50	140 80
Sidney	26	78	1 56	3 12	5 20	7 28	5 20	5 20	1 82	1 82	1 30	33 28
Tekamah, Emanuel	38	1 14	2 28	4 56	7 60	10 64	7 60	7 60	2 66	2 66	1 90	48 64
Tekamah, Grace	47	1 41	2 82	5 64	9 40	13 16	9 40	9 40	3 29	3 29	2 35	60 16
Wayne	69	2 07	4 14	8 28	13 80	19 42	13 80	13 80	4 83	4 83	3 45	88 42
West Point	173	5 19	10 38	20 76	34 60	48 44	34 60	34 60	12 11	12 11	8 65	221 44
Wilber	45	1 35	2 70	5 40	9 00	12 60	9 00	9 00	3 15	3 15	2 25	57 60
Waverly	48	1 44	2 88	5 76	9 60	13 44	9 60	9 60	3 36	3 36	2 40	61 44
Yutan	19	57	1 14	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	24 32
McCool Junction	69	2 07	4 14	8 28	13 80	19 42	13 80	13 80	4 83	4 83	3 45	88 42
Totals	2475	$74 25	$148 50	$297 00	$496 80	$693 20	$496 80	$496 80	$173 25	$173 25	$123 75	$3173 60

H. A. WOLFE, EDWIN BOLLMAN, F. P. CULBERTSON.

Report of Trustee to Midland College.

Your Clerical Trustee to Midland College would report that he was at the Board meeting in June, which was in session two days, at which time all the business claiming our attention was faithfully transacted, and during all of which time I was present. The Lay Trustee, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, was unable to be present.

The members of the Board manifested great interest in every particular pertaining to the welfare of the College and were able to work in harmony, which gave unto them, as a Board, great strength.

It was with intense satisfaction that we learned of the work at Midland College. There has not been even an intimation among the students of carelessness or inability in the teachers, but words of commendation go out everywhere, so that the fact is established that Midland has a well-qualified corps of teachers, and that the educational advantages here are equal to any of our colleges, and superior to many.

A very striking feature at Midland is the excellent moral atmosphere. It is a veritable family, whose sons and daughters are cared for and administered to to the best advantage and for their highest good. It is therefore a safe place for our boys and girls to be. And yet even here a little strict discipline is being exercised occasionally with happy results. Without a little of this, some might conclude that Midland had no laws of discipline, or that fortunately a body of young men and women have been brought together who have absolutely lost their Adamic nature, which would be contrary to the teaching of our fathers.

It is indeed gratifying to me and to the Lutheran Church to know that Dr. Clutz, the President of Midland College, is a man who knows no defeat. Amid hindrances and great discouragements, the President has executed wise plans, and the College is rising to high attainments and popularity.

But it is my judgment, and demonstrated by the faithful work of Rev. J. Nelson Lentz, that the advance of the College would have been greater if from the beginning of the institution there had been a college solicitor in the field with the wisdom, push, and ability of the one we now have in employ.

The institution has never been in better condition than it is now. In the list of students there has been a marked increase. To the library there have been added quite a number of valuable books.

The college solicitor, with his indefatigable spirit, made it possible to erect in the last year a very fine annex to the Ladies' Dormitory without increasing the debt of the former year. This building stands as a beautiful daughter beside the old queen, "Oak Hall."

For the highest good of our institution, it seems clear that the teaching force of the College should be increased, but owing to the financial condition there is a temptation to decrease rather than increase the force.

This suggests to us the wisdom of not only raising in full the apportionment

for education, but raising an amount in excess of it. And, secondly, to observe the Day of Prayer for Colleges, and plead for a liberal offering for the library and book fund of the College.

Midland College, with the support it ought to have, will be a factor of immense good, and we urge its support.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. SPONSELLER,
Trustee.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence report the following:

The practical work of the committee for the year was the preparation and distribution of a Synodical Beneficence envelope among the pastorates at an expense of about $15.00. It is gratifying to the committee to note the appreciation of a number of the pastors of the envelope provided, having used the same with excellent results. We note also that 69 per cent. of the apportionment has been raised this year as against 60 per cent. a year ago.

We regret that a number of pastors found it impractical to use the envelopes provided. Also that others did not see fit to use them, and that a number of our stronger congregations seemingly made no effort to raise their apportionment.

The committee would urge upon all pastors the use of systematic effort to secure the full amount of the apportionment; it should be raised.

The committee recommends the provision of a supply of envelopes for the present year.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. LESHER,
C. J. RINGER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses begs leave to report as follows:

Letters from the following brethren having been placed in our hands, namely, Revs. Paul G. Tonsing, I. N. Augustine, J. F. Sponseller, E. F. Trefz, W. C. Eckhart, W. G. Gettle, J. H. Link, J. F. Kuhlman, W. F. Eyster, D. D., S. L. Aughey, LL. D., Dr. A. T. Peters, Messrs. H. C. Compton, Louis Engle, and J. W. Brewster. We recommend that they be excused from attending this meeting of Synod. We recommend that Synod comply with the request of Brothers Eyster and Sponseller, that prayer be offered in behalf of their blessed helpmeets in their serious illness, and that the sincere sympathy of the brethren be extended to all exercised by this affliction.

Respectfully submitted, W. W. HESS,
J. L. HAMMOND,
JOHN BENNING.

The report was adopted, and prayer offered.

A bill of $10.00 in favor of Rev. L. M. Kuhns for Synodical expenses was allowed.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, God in His wise providence has permitted the removal by death of President William McKinley—a death that fills our hearts with sorrow; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of President McKinley our nation has been deprived of a distinguished citizen, an illustrious statesman, and a noble Christian, admired and respected by the world.

Resolved, That, in his sturdy Christian manhood and triumphant Christian death, we recognize the emphasis he has given to the Gospel we preach and the religion we profess.

Resolved, That we commend his sorrowing wife and family to God, the God he so willingly trusted, and who alone has the power to alleviate grief and upon whose divine arm they alone can truly find support.

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the bereaved widow and friends, expressing our sympathy.

Resolved, That Synod has heard with great pleasure Drs. H. L. Yarger and S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretaries of the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions, respectively, in behalf of the said Boards, and are highly gratified with the progress made in these departments of our Church work.

Resolved, That we use our utmost efforts to meet our apportionment in full for these noble objects.

Resolved, That with grateful acknowledgment we return our sincere thanks to the pastor and congregation composing Grace Lutheran Church, West Point, Neb., for their hospitable treatment received at their hands whilst Synod sojourned with them, and that our worthy President be requested to convey these expressions of Synod to Brother Leamer and his people after the services on next Sunday evening.

Resolved, That the Synod authorize the Secretary to have printed for use of our body 600 copies of the Minutes of this Synodical Convention.

Resolved, That if the ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society desire it, the minutes of their convention be published with the minutes of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DIEFFENBACH,
C. J. RINGER,
J. F. CRESSLER.

The report was adopted item by item and as a whole.

Resolution Relating to Yutan.

WHEREAS, The officers of Synod report an adjustment of the difficulties that have confronted us at Yutan; and,

WHEREAS, Reports reach us that attempts are being made to overthrow the work as now adjusted; in order to quiet all rumors and in the interest of peace and harmony; therefore,

Resolved, That Synod most respectfully request our Board of Church Extension to not release their mortgage on the property at Yutan without first conferring with the officers of Synod, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this action to the Board of Church Extension.

The resolution was adopted.

The Synod adjourned to go into executive session.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The Committee on Letters and Papers would report that there have been referred to them the following documents:

Letters from the General Secretary of the Board of Education, from the pastor of the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore, from the President of the Rocky Mountain Synod, from a member of the Roca congregation, also papers of correspondence in which there seems to be ground for fear of interference in our churches at Hastings and South Auburn by the Nebraska German Synod.

1. The circular letter from Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., calls the attention of the Synod to the resolutions of the late General Synod on the apportionment for the Board of Education, and requests that this Synod raise its full apportionment, and not a mere fractional part of it.

We recommend that the Synod comply with this request and raise the full amount.

2. Christian and fraternal greetings from the Fatherland by Rev. F. P. Manhart, D. D., pastor of the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore, in which he speaks pleasantly of his visit to a number of Deaconess homes in Paris, Kaiserwerth, Speier, Strassburg, and other places in Europe, noting also "how surely God's hand has guided and blessed this work among us." He recognizes with pleasure the interest heretofore taken by this Synod in our Motherhouse, and asks that we continue this interest.

We recommend that this Synod continue its loyalty and interest to this

blessed and Christ-like work, and that the pastors see to it that the small amount asked for this noble cause be raised.

3. A letter from Rev. E. W. Simon, President of the Rocky Mountain Synod, granting permission to our President to enroll the Potter congregation on the list of congregations belonging to English Nebraska Synod. The same has been done as reported in his official acts.

We acknowledge the courtesy of Rocky Mountain Synod through its President in this action, and recommend that Synod endorse the action of our President in enrolling this congregation and recognize the same as belonging to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CRESSLER,
J. A. KOSER,
J. L. HAMMOND.

The report was adopted.

(For Items 4 and 5 of Committee on Letters and Papers, see Minutes of Executive Session in protocol.)

North Platte was chosen as the place of next meeting, and the fourth Wednesday evening of September as the time.

The following were appointed a Committee on Conference with German Nebraska Synod: Revs. J. L. Hammond, J. A. Koser, and L. Groh, D. D.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following persons have asked to be excused from further attendance upon the meetings of Synod: Rev. H. J. Hapeman, W. Dieffenbach, and Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.

We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. LEAMER,
JOHN F. SEIBERT,
S. M. LESHER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

BRETHREN: Several meetings of the Executive Committee of your Committee on Traveling Secretary were held during the year.

The Treasurer's Report is as follows:

OMAHA, NEB., SEPTEMBER 1, 1901

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

GENTLEMEN: Your Treasurer of the Committee of the Traveling Secretary

of the Synod begs to offer the following annual report for the year ending September 1st, 1900:

September 1st, 1900, balance on hand	$220 08	
Received for rent of house	210 00	
		$430 08

CONTRA.

Paid for City Taxes, year 1900	$39 88	
Paid for County Taxes, year 1900	15 57	
Paid for storm sash for north window	11 95	
Paid for repairs on chimney	6 00	
Paid for repairs sidewalk round house	8 00	
Paid for papering room and sundry repairs	10 10	
		91 50
Leaving balance on hand		$338 58

The house is in need of some repairs and painting, also the insurance on the same will expire October 1st, 1901.

I have been instructed by the Executive Committee to have this work done at once. The expense will be about $150.00.

Would also say that we may have street improvements made very soon which will be the same expense, which must be provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SWAIN,
Treasurer.

We recommend that Synod appoint members of this committee to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the terms of office of Messrs. J. F. Wilhelmy, S. P. Mikesell, and Rev. J. S. Leamer, and to fill the vacancy made by the removal from our Synod of Rev. W. A. Lipe.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The President and Secretary were authorized to confer license to preach the Gospel upon Clarence N. Swihart, on Sunday evening.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of fraternal greeting to the German Nebraska Synod.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was elected delegate to the next Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod finally adjourn at close of Sunday evening services.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.

At 3 o'clock the preparatory service was held. Rev. J. F. Cressler delivered the sermon. Text: Romans viii. 1.

After preparatory service, Synod was called to order.

On motion, it was directed that the organ from David City Church be left in possession of Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, until some needy congregation wants it, and will reimburse Rev. L. P. Ludden for the freight on it from David City to Lincoln. It was decided also that the hymn books from the same place in possession of Brother Ludden be sent to Rev. S. M. Lesher, for use at South Sioux City.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

SATURDAY, 8.00 P. M.

Addresses on Education were delivered by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.

Collection $4.69.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Evangelical Church—Morning, Rev. W. W. Hess.

Congregational Church—Evening, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.

Grace Lutheran Church—Morning, Holy Communion, Rev. L. P. Ludden; 2 P. M. Junior Rally, Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. S. M. Lesher; 7 P. M. Christian Endeavor Meeting, Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. W. W. Hess; 8 P. M., Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

At the conclusion of the sermon Clarence N. Swihart was licensed for one year to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments.

According to action of Synod, the President declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet in North Platte, Neb., the fourth Wednesday evening of September, A. D. 1902.

The service concluded with the use of form for closing Synods in Ministerial Acts.

R. A. WHITE,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

PAROCHIAL.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Isaac N. Augustine, Ericsson, Wheeler Co., Neb.	Ericsson Church	1	3	..	..	....	....	....	1	5	....	....	....	..	16	$12 00	$150 00	*$200 00	1
	Cedar River Station	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	2
	Upper Clear Creek Sta.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	3
	Home Settlement Sta.	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	4
M. D. Berg, Benedict, Neb.	Zion's	1	..	3	..	22	1	3	....	....	31	9	3	6	123	3500 00	.....	1289 78	5
	Bethel	1	..	..	..	....	....	1	....	8	1	4	....	..	39	1800 00	.....	252 59	6
Edwin Bollman, Wilber, Saline Co., Neb.	First Lutheran Church, Wilber	1	..	1	..	....	1	1	1	....	....	2	1	..	45	4200 00	550 00	500 00	7
Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., Atchison, Kan.		..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	8
	Pres. Midland College	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	9
J. F. Cressler, Rising City, Neb.	First English, Rising City	1	..	..	..	10	....	2	....	1	1	3	....	3	46	6000 00	.....	641 28	10
	Zion, Surprise	1	..	..	1	....	....	2	1	3	....	1	2	..	44	2500 00	.....	569 00	11
W. Dieffenbach, South Auburn, Neb.	St. Paul	1	..	1	..	3	1	2	....	6	2	3	1	..	61	3300 00	.....	83 00	12
L. Groh, Omaha, Neb.	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	16	2	3	10	8	1	10	2	..	74	2000 00	.....	990 00	13
J. L. Hammond, Tekamah, Neb.	Emanuel	1	..	1	..	3	....	1	1	1	1	....	1	..	38	3000 00	.....	1452 50	14
	Grace	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	2	4	12	1	..	47	1000 00	.....	325 00	15
W. W. Hess, 122 North Eighth St., Beatrice, Neb.	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, of Beatrice	1	..	3	1	8	....	....	....	2	1	2	2	3	111	7000 00	1500 00	803 15	16
J. A. Koser, Nebraska City, Neb.	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	10	2	2	....	5	....	1	7	..	92	5000 00	250 00	980 10	17
Luther M. Kuhns, 2569 Pierce St., Omaha, Neb.	Grace	1	..	1	..	15	....	....	23	10	2	7	....	..	95	25000 00	264 00	2768 35	18

* Including pastor's salary of $150.00.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	..	.....	.....	$30 00	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	$3 00	$3 00	$2 78	.....	$0 50	.....	.....	$5 00	$5 00	.....	.....	$20 28	$220 28
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7	1	7	83	27 80	12 37	.....	.....	.....	1 75	2 10	8 75	7 70	7 70	5 60	7 00	.....	3 50	3 86	2 45	1 75	.....	52 16	304 75
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11	1	9	5-	28 00	59 88	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	36 50	17 89	19 54	6 58	8 20	.....	1 63	10 95	.....	.....	95 00	200 29	769 29
12	1	12	87	40 00	.....	57	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 60	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 14	.....	.....	.....	14 69	97 69
13	1	18	150	70 00	35 00	26	25 00	35 00	3 75	4 00	‡29 75	‡37 65	7 00	7 00	10 00	.....	2 00	‖15 00	1 00	1 00	.....	122 25	1112 25
14	1	13	60	26 67	1 50	16	.....	35	1 90	2 28	9 30	8 36	8 36	6 08	7 60	10 00	3 80	5 00	2 66	1 90	10 00	77 14	1529 74
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* Union.

† School supplies, picnics, and Christmas trees.

‡ $21.15 by our Christian Endeavor for student in India.

§ $6.00 for local Home Missions, city; $5.00 Century Fund.

‖ Our city orphans.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																								See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.							Finances.									
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.		Indebtedness.		Local Expenses for all Objects.						
Luther P. Ludden, 1336 D. St., Lincoln, Neb.	Grace	1	..	3	..	15	....	4	.....	.....	1	4	11	..	124	$10000	00	$4000	00	$7631	96					
J. S. Leamer, Sidney, Neb.	Trinity	1	2	1	..	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	26	3900	00	125	00	406	25					
A. B. Leamer, West Point, Neb.	Grace	1	..	2	..	19	2	.....	.....	10	1	12	.....	..	173	8000	00	1500	00	2849	15					
S. Martin Lesher, Dakota, Neb.	Emanuel	1	..	1	..	14	1	.....	.....	.....	3	3	2	..	48	1300	00	.....		298	08					
	Salem	1	..	1	..	.....	.....	.....	2	4	4	3	.....	..	93	4000	00	.....		454	66					
	St. Paul's	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	..	18	1000	00	.....		155	75					
F. A. Matthis, Davenport, Neb.	Christ's, Davenport	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	..	107	3000	00	1400	00	525	00					
	St. Paul's, Carlisle	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	..	19	.....		.....		135	00					
R. W. Petrea, Pawnee City, Neb.	Pawnee City	1	..	1	..	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	4	.....	..	41	1000	00	.....		330	00					
M. F. Rinker, Yutan, Neb.	Zion Evan. Eng. Luth.	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	19	2500	00	.....		82	70					
	Zion Evangelical, Roca	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	..	20	2000	00	.....		208	00					
C. J. Ringer, Wayne, Neb.	St. Paul's, Wayne	1	..	1	..	10	....	2	....	16	1	8	1	7	69	4000	00	600	00	1157	00					
E. F. Trefz, Omaha, Neb.	Kountze Memorial	1	..	2	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	260	100000	00	.....		.....						
John F. Seibert, North Platte, Neb.	First Evangelical Luth.	1	..	1	..	7	2	4	18	22	8	18	6	12	132	9500	00	.....		1634	83					
J. F. Spoeneller, Ponca, Neb.	Salem	1	..	3	..	.....	1	4	16	1	.....	.....	2	..	85	9000	00	1050	00	1200	00					
William T. Kahse, 820 North First St., Hastings, Neb.	St. Paul's Church	1	..	.....	.....	1	6	.....	.....	6	.....	1	.....	..	60	1500	00	250	00	430	00					
Paul G. Tonsing, Hardy, Neb.	Union Evan. Luth. Ch.	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	9	.....	1	.....	.....	4	..	95	3000	00	.....		800	00					
R. A. White, Lincoln, Neb.	Trinity	1	..	2	..	8	.....	.....	6	1	.....	1	2	2	48	2000	00	.....		414	58					
H. A. Wolfe, McCool Junction, Neb.	First	1	..	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	5	2	.....	8	1	..	69	.....		.....		376	25					
Vacant, Stella	Trinity Evan. Luth. Ch.	1	1	1	1	5	1	....	21	.....	1	3	2	..	110	4800	00	.....		500	00					
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Local Objects.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
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4	1	15	75	43 23	26 01	30	2 25	30 00	2 05	2 46	13 50	39 49	11 99	6 56	8 20	$37 40	4 10	.....	2 87	2 05	5 40	136 67	434 65
5	1	11	60	49 35	5 00	100	35 97	5 00	4 40	5 28	22 33	19 36	19 36	14 08	17 60	4 15	8 80	.....	6 16	4 40	10 00	135 92	590 58
6									1 05	1 26	5 25	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	24 31	180 06
7	1	16	137	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	6 25	13 00	11 44	11 44	8 32	10 40	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 25	596 25
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11	1	6	40	35 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	1 45	2 00	.....	5 00	7 00	4 50	2 00	12 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 80	242 80
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* $7.04 toward Board's indebtedness.

† $3.50 Midland College Library Fund.

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MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, 1901.

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met on Wednesday, September 18th, 1901, at 3 P. M., in the Grace Lutheran Church, West Point, Neb., Rev. A. B. Leamer, pastor.

The Convention was opened by the President, Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Hymn No. 57 was sung, after which Miss Ida Peterson, of Oakland, read Psalms 122 and 126.

Hymn 415.

Prayer by the pastor.

Mrs. Herse and Miss Frahm sang a duet, entitled "Come, Holy Spirit."

Mrs. A. B. Leamer gave a cordial greeting and welcome to the delegates on behalf of the church at West Point.

Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, our President, after having thanked

Mrs. Leamer in well-chosen words, read a written response from Miss Anna Lesher, of Lincoln, who was unable to attend.

Hymn No. 515 was sung, after which the delegates presented their credentials, and were introduced to the Convention.

The following roll was formed:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Laura T. Jay.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.
Chairman of Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.
Chairman North Platte Conference Committee—Mrs. M. D. Willert.
Ponca—Mrs. Matteson.
Lyons—Miss Millie Christensen.
Oakland—Miss Ida Peterson.
Roca—Miss Matie Martin.
Tekamah—Miss Suda Wood, Miss Tillie Swanson.
Sidney—Mrs. Melinda Barnhart.
Dakota City—Mrs. Laura T. Jay.
Omaha—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.
Yutan—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Lincoln—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.
West Point—Mrs. Herse.

An opportunity was given the ministers to say a few words of encouragement to our Society. Rev. A. B. Leamer responded in fitting words of welcome as pastor of the church. Revs. Hammond, of Tekamah, and Ringer, of Wayne, made a few remarks, encouraging the work of the women of the church.

Hymn 525 was sung.

The offering amounted to $1.65.

Rev. Leamer announced that a Memorial Service in honor of President McKinley would be held in the Lutheran Church, Thursday, September 19th, at 3 o'clock, and suggested that the ladies adjourn to attend.

Doxology. Benediction by pastor.

THURSDAY, 9.00 A. M.

One half-hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. E. Elliott, of West Point.

The business of the Convention was begun with the President in the chair.

Roll call.

Reading and adopting of minutes.

Hymn 336.

The President then gave her Annual Address.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Friends of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska:

Almost a year has passed since we met in convention at Ponca. How quickly time has fled from our grasp; how eager are we as the end of the year approaches to lengthen the days that we may fill them full of deeds. But the working time of last year has passed, and again we have come up to this Mount of Privileges for our annual feast of good things; for our social joys; for our heart-to-heart talks; for our comparison of results; for our encouragement; for our hours of prayer; for our Master's blessing.

We have come to this mountain-top to learn more about the growth of the great ripening fields, and to get a broader and clearer view of the needs of the laborers in God's vineyard.

Realizing that the time has come for many faithful workers to bring about a speedy evangelization of the world, thereby helping God to bring peace to this world, we have come together to consider how we, though only a small band of women, may enlarge our work so as to meet the demands of the hour.

Since last we met, a new century has opened its doors, bringing with it new opportunities and unnumbered blessings. Let us lay claim to our inheritance, and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, prove ourselves worthy the name "Daughters of God."

God has been gracious to us; He has blessed our efforts; He has given us larger fields of service. The time is passed when we need pray for enlarged fields and more missionaries. Let us rather pray for more consecration—consecrated hearts and minds; consecrated talents and purses.

During the past year our greatest energy has been spent in trying to increase the interest in our missionary work in the Nebraska churches—the results of which we cannot fully see now.

I have written and sent two circular letters to each Auxiliary President, and received letters from about one-half of them in answer to either one or the

other letter. I wish it had been possible to have come in closer contact with all the Auxiliaries.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Three new societies have been added to our number. We gladly welcome all. Auxiliaries were organized at Benedict in April; at Salem, Dakota County, in April; and at Grace, Burt County, this month. May they become strong in the Lord; a blessing to themselves and to our cause.

The two Conference Committees were filled in the second quarter. They have been doing good work, as no doubt their reports will show.

It is not necessary for me to say much of the past year's work, as measured by numbers, by dollars and cents. This will be given you in the various reports. The results will not all be given; only God can know what our feeble efforts have accomplished.

THE OUTLOOK.

As we look forward we see success. We have God's promises. They are bright, and "He never faileth."

We see a demand for faithful, enthusiastic workers to be leaders among our women and children. We see a need for steadfastness in all. "Be not weary in well doing." We cannot be "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease" if we wish to win a crown. We need a larger membership because we need more funds. Opportunities await us, but we are hampered because of small numbers.

Can we increase our membership? We can, if all our churches have not woman's Auxiliaries, and if all our women are not members in those that have. We can, if all the young people in each congregation are not enrolled. We can, if all our children are not in Mission Bands, working for the Master, and being prepared to take the places that you and I now fill. We can, if all of the pastors and the church councils and the fathers and brothers are not enrolled as honorary members.

If all these have not been counted, and we are able to have them counted, then, oh! how easily we can meet the demands of the hour!

The General Executive Committee have sent out "Win One" Pledge Cards, which, if used by every member, will soon double our membership.

With an increase in membership comes a demand for better monthly meetings, which in turn calls for more zealous leaders. Blessed that meeting from which everyone went home feeling they had been with Jesus, received a blessing, and anxious to pass the good news on. "More of Christ and less of self." "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," saith the Lord.

OUR LITERATURE.

Two of the aims of our society are "to disseminate missionary intelligence" and "to cultivate a missionary spirit." To do this we need an ample supply of missionary literature. No better can be found than that furnished by our

General Literature Committee. Some persons will not attend a missionary meeting because they are not interested in missions. Some of our tracts are planned to do this very thing.

If we wish for greater advancement, greater benefits, we must be better informed—whatever the cause, let me urge a more liberal use of our literature.

I am glad to say the number of *Missionary Journal* and *Children's Missionary* readers has increased during the past year, but still many are depriving themselves and families the privilege of knowing what our Church, what we are doing in missionary work.

The Mission Studies is a miniature encyclopedia, invaluable for information of facts, figures, and data concerning the monthly topics, which does not seem to be appreciated by many of our Nebraska women. Perhaps there is not interest in the topics assigned to us by the General Committee. May we better use this help which is prepared for us.

The Topic Cards have helped a number of societies. Have you used them?

A new Exercise Book has been added to helps for interesting meetings.

Have you seen the Cradle Roll and read the new Tracts?

I would suggest that each delegate examine carefully our literature, and give liberal orders to the Chairman of Literature.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

The special object that we have just been asked to aid in the home-field is *Jersey City Heights*. I had hoped the full amount from our Synod might be reported here at convention, but if any have not given to this object, let this be your first work for this coming quarter.

The most important object to be considered just now is the Annual Thank-offering to be taken in November. It will be the New Century Thank-offering this year. Let us make it a memorable one, "as God has prospered you" and benefited you.

Our General President suggests, as the best way to gain the greatest blessing, to use our Thank-offering envelope as a daily Thank-offering receptacle, if only for a penny a day.

BOX-WORK.

Although our State is situated so far from Baltimore, the headquarters of the Foreign Box-work Committee, that it does not seem advisable to send articles of clothing, etc., from here because of the large freight expense, we need not be deprived of the privilege of helping some self-sacrificing Home Missionary who may be hindered in his work by lack of material supplies. The blessed missionary box has helped to save a mission more than once.

No Box-work has been done by the Nebraska Auxiliaries for several years. I have thought that if boxes cannot be filled by an individual Auxiliary, why cannot we, as a Synodical Society, pack one of the blessed boxes at our next

convention? This could easily be accomplished through a Box-work Committee.

Everything has seemed so prosperous. When all of a sudden a great shadow has fallen upon our land. Our Chief has been stricken down; our nation has been insulted; our President has been killed. 'Tis not ours to know the reason why. All have mourned for him, and many a sympathizing tear has fallen for her who has been for four and a half years the first lady of the land. May God's grace be with her in her great sorrow.

I wish to thank you all for the hearty co-operation during the year.

As a closing thought, we need enthusiasm. The word means "in God." A person that is in God will be full of fire and zeal to do His will. When we are ready to do His bidding, then He will use us. May we be often at the throne of grace, near to Christ, that we may be fit subjects to do His will.

May each be guided by the Holy Spirit; may each heart be filled with the love of the Master, as we meet in convention together. The convention is yours; make it what you will.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

The Corresponding Secretary then gave her report. (See page 49.)

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee held two meetings in the past year, the first being held at Dakota City, October 11th, 1900. Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Mrs. H. J. Penfold, Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, and Mrs. Laura T. Jay were present.

All bills presented were allowed.

The money, $6.25, received by collection at the Convention, was divided between the Home and Foreign Missions, the Home Mission amount to go to Scranton Mission and the Foreign to the new call to send out missionaries to Africa. The second meeting was held in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, August 8th, 1901, Miss Haase, Mrs. Penfold, Miss Bender, Mrs. Riegle, and Mrs. Jay being present.

The different officers gave reports.

The Treasurer reported $15.75 as Synodical Fee Fund on hand.

Plans and programs for the Twenty-first Annual Convention were arranged.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LAURA T. JAY,
Recording Secretary.

Report was accepted.

Tabulated Statement of Corresponding Secretary for Year Ending August 31st, 1901.

Name of Society.	Name of Corresponding Secretary.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Life Members.	Journals Taken.	Meetings Held.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer.
Beatrice	Mrs. Charles Hoffine	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	20	.....	.....	19	12	$17 10
Benedict	Mrs. M. D. Berg	*1901	3, 4	13	.....	.....	.....	7	2 70
Dakota City	Miss Elizabeth S. Haase	1891	1, 2, 3, 4	18	2	.....	15	13	37 40
Lincoln	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	11	2	.....	12	8	12 31
Omaha	Mrs. J. B. Bruner	*1886	1, 2, 3, 4	8	1	2	11	3	54 55
Ponca	Mrs. J. A. Drager	*1880	2, 3, 4	20	.....	.....	11	9	34 09
Pawnee City	Miss Kittie Benz	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	15	.....	.....	.....	12	19 15
Roca	Mrs. Matilda Emrich	1894	3, 4	5	.....	.....	6	3	9 65
Stella	Miss Maud Montgomery	.....	1, 3, 4	10	2	.....	8	8	25 75
Salem Ch., Dakota Co.	Mrs. Elmer Blessing	1901	4	8	.....	.....	.....	3	4 15
Tekamah	Mrs. Estella Woods	1881	1, 2, 4	10	.....	.....	8	10	19 50
Yutan	Mrs. F. F. Montfort	1883	1, 2, 3, 4	10	5	.....	6	9	35 30
Grace Church, Burt Co.	Miss Millie Christenson	*1901	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rising City	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Mission Bands.									
Dakota City	Miss Rubye Vande Zedde	.....	1, 2,	20	5	.....	†20	21	81
Tekamah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Totals	.....	.....	.....	175	17	2	116	118	$281 56

* Reorganized. † Children's Missionary.

Report was accepted. Respectfully submitted, LYDIA BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The Report of the North Platte Conference Committee was read and referred to committee.

Report of North Platte Conference Committee.

Your committee would offer the following report:

We have tried to interest pastors and women of congregations without Auxiliary Societies by corresponding with them with reference to our part of the work in the field of missions, and urging them to enlist with us. Answers have been received to nearly all our letters, giving assurances of a feeling of interest and sympathy. One meeting was held during the year at Grace Church, Tekamah Charge. Number of congregations at the beginning of year without societies, seven. Number of societies organized during the year, two. Salem, Dakota County, was organized February 24th, 1901, and from reports promises to do good work. Grace Church, Burt County, was organized September 4th with an efficient corps of workers, ready for work with the beginning of this new Synodical year. Number of congregations yet remaining unorganized, five. Of these some are thinking of organizing, so we hope in the near future to have still other societies added to our list.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. WILLERT,
SUDA WOOD,
TILLIE SWANSON.

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was sung.

The Report of the Delegate to the General Convention was read.

Report of Delegate to General Convention.

The Twelfth Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod was held in the Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., May 1st to 6th, 1901.

Delegates and visitors were present from twenty Synodical Societies, California alone not being represented.

The Rocky Mountain Synod sent word to Convention of the recent organization of a Synodical Society, which, of course, increased the number of Synodical Societies to twenty-two.

The Convention consisted of two hundred and forty-six delegates and visitors. The meetings were intensely interesting and enthusiastic. We were all treated royally by the Washington people. The pastor, Dr. J. G. Butler, and his assistants seemed untiring in their efforts to make our stay in the Capitol City one to be long remembered.

Although our first pleasure, as well as duty, was the work of the Convention, the afternoons that were set apart by the Program Committee for sightseeing were greatly appreciated by all.

The White House, Corcoran Art Gallery, and the U. S. Capitol were visited as a body, under charge of Dr. Butler.

During the entire Convention the sun was resplendent in brightness; not a cloud in the sky to dim the wonders of the city. The Sun of righteousness was just as bright in the hearts of His people. The only clouds that could be seen were those that were felt to hang over our hearts, caused by the absence of our bereaved President, Mrs. A. G. Bond, and the long faithful Secretary of the Executive Committee, Mrs. E. S. Prince.

The First Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Hartman, presided over the meetings with dignity and grace. Mrs. Wirick made a very efficient Secretary.

Our woman's work has gone forward during the biennium. The reports showed seven hundred and sixty-two Auxiliary Societies with a membership of twenty thousand and seventy-eight. Total amount contributed during biennium was $45,989.62, an increase of 9 cents in general average per member. Had it not been for the thank-offering of $6646.09 from many consecrated women, our work would have greatly suffered.

The Executive Committee has had many appeals for help, but because of lack of funds could not embrace the opportunities as they came.

It was said our Church has the women, the means, and the ability to meet the demands.

This latent power can be brought into activity and made subservient to Christ and His kingdom only by individual effort. If the responsibility of this work is the desire of our hearts, we can hope to create interest, awaken enthusiasm, and inspire faithful service in others.

At the present time there are ten foreign missionaries and one assistant and eleven home missionaries supported by the Society.

We have aided in building two church buildings in this country, and five beds in the India Hospital have been endowed within the biennium.

Our Woman's Society supports in India the Hospital, the Training School for Nurses, the Dispensary, the Girls' Boarding School, the Training School for Mistresses, the Industaial School for Mohammedan Girls, sixteen Hindu Girls' Schools, fifteen Sunday Schools, and the Zenana Work. In Africa the Girls' School.

Thirty-three new Tracts were published by our Literature Committee. Five thousand Topic Cards were printed. A Cradle Roll has been prepared, and a Hand-book containing general information about the work is being prepared.

We were asked to take a greater interest in the *Mission Studies*, and to push the circulation of the *Missionary Journal*.

The Box-work has increased so greatly that the Home and Foreign work was divided. Each Synodical Society was asked to appoint a Box-work Committee.

In view of the great demands on our work the Convention decided to raise $10,000.00 more the coming biennium than in the past.

Rev. Waring, of Scranton Mission, appeared before the Convention with a plea that the remainder of our pledge to them be paid immediately. It was

voted that the Executive Committee pay the $500.00 out of the General Fund.

The next Convention will be held in the Bethany Lutheran Church of Pittsburg.

After the business of Convention, and the presentation of several embroidered table covers from the delegates to the officers, there followed an impressive Quiet Hour Service, which closed the meeting of the Twelfth Biennial Convention.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING BIENNIUM.

President—Mrs. J. P. Krechting, New Germantown, N. J.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. King, St. Louis, Mo.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. V. Hunter, Columbia City, Ind.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mary Hay Morris, Baltimore, Md.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

The report was accepted.

A Question Box was conducted by Mrs. Matteson, of Ponca.

Motion passed that we adjourn at 3 P. M. to attend the Memorial Services for President McKinley, and take up our work immediately after, and continue until 6 o'clock, or until all business is finished.

Motion was made that Mrs. Barnhart, of Sidney, be made a member of our Convention with full privileges.

Motion was carried.

Motion was made that the By-laws of our Synodical Society be printed on slips for distribution.

After having the By-laws read by the Secretary, the motion was carried.

The Secretary read a letter written to the Convention by the President of the General Society, Mrs. Louise K. Krechting.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod assembled in Convention at West Point, Neb., Greeting:

Miss President and Sisters, I wish I might meet with you and talk with you face to face about our work. But since that is impossible, I am grateful to have the privilege of sending you a message, and wish to urge that you carefully consider the grave needs that are confronting us and have been presented to you by your President.

Never in the history of the General Society has there been such opportunity for aggressive work. The pressing claims of both the home and foreign fields are demanding our most serious consideration, and yet the General Society is powerless to respond to these calls unless the Auxiliary Societies are loyal to the Synodical Society, and the Synodical Societies are loyal to the General Society.

I read a few days ago a little leaflet—published by our Literature Committee—on "Loyalty," by Lillie Poffenberger. I wish very much every woman in our Lutheran Church would read it. Oh, the grand work we could do if every Auxiliary Society, yea, every woman, were loyal to the objects under the control of the General Society.

Let us "turn over a new leaf," dear sisters, and see if it is not possible for us to be loyal and prompt in responding to special objects.

If you have not raised your full apportionment for Jersey City Heights, will you not do so this quarter? Let us finish it this year, and not carry it over into the new year. Other work is waiting our help. We can do it if each Synod will conscientiously take it up. Will you?

This with a generous thank-offering and liberal contributions to the General Fund will relieve the Executive Committee of a very great burden, and at the same time be a significant step *forward*.

Of course, we are taking it for granted that the money yet due Riverside will all come in with the September reports.

May the keynote of your convention be more of the Holy Spirit. "Your heavenly Father giveth the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Let us claim this promise, and pray that the Holy Spirit may so influence and mould our lives that we shall rise to greater heights of devotion and loving service, that by our devotion and zeal others may be drawn into this great work.

Praying that you may have a truly profitable convention, and that the dear Father will richly bless us as we labor together to advance His cause and kingdom, I am very sincerely yours in the work,

LOUISE K. KRETCHING.

Hymn 347 was sung.

Closing prayer by Mrs. M. D. Willert.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2.00 P. M.

Convention opened by singing Hymn 424.

The President read service from Manual, after which Mrs. Ludden led in prayer.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was sung by Miss Irene Ludwig.

Reports of delegates from Societies.

Adjournment for Memorial Service at 3 o'clock.

The session was resumed at 5 P. M., and we listened to an excellent paper by Mrs. M. D. Willert, of Tekamah. Subject: "The Benefits We Derive from Missionary Work."

Benefits We Derive from Missionary Work.

How our hearts are swelled with gratitude as we review the subject of Missions, and consider the grand results that have been achieved in Home and Foreign lands. The more we dwell on the magnitude of the work that has been accomplished, with the greater fervor are we led to exclaim how wonderful are the changes that have been wrought!

We have heard entreaties that have come up to us from the wilderness: and behold! these desert places have blossomed as the rose.

We have stretched forth our hand in response to the cry for help that has come across the waters: and lo! the lives that were sunk in the depths of degradation and despair are being reached, uplifted and purified by the saving power of the glorious Gospel light.

Wonderful are these benefits! and we are glad for them. Yet, my dear Sisters, these are not all the benefits to be derived in this labor of love. Just as surely as all these good results have followed each faithful effort to this end, so is there imparted to each individual engaged in the work an influence that is ennobling, uplifting, and strengthening. Here are the principles that govern the laws of reciprocity found just as true as elsewhere. Verily do we find: What a man giveth, that shall he receive again. What a man soweth, that shall he reap.

Then blessed be the thought that we, as hand-maidens of the Lord of the harvest, in responding to this special call for woman's help, may enter the vineyard to spend and be spent in His service, without a fear of suffering loss to ourselves. Rather may we enter in the full assurance of continually reaping an endless chain of benefits. In the spirit of the Psalmist, when he said, "Bless the Lord, O, my soul! and forget not all his benefits," would we recount some of the many blessings that attend all who thus enroll for faithful service in this work.

These benefits are bestowed as blessings in the nature of temporal, intellectual, and spiritual gifts.

This service of manifesting our love and gratitude for one who has done so much for us must needs prompt us to a free and cheerful giving of our sustenance, according as the Lord has prospered us.

The plan of regular apportionment in contributing toward the need of the different objects, as well as the regular payment of dues toward the General Fund, and the Thank-offering plan, all help us in cultivating the habit of systematic giving, which is but a means of insuring to us the blessings of His promise, who hath said (concerning the matter of tithes), "Prove me now herewith, and see if I do not open the windows of heaven and pour you out such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it." The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, therefore His children's heritage. And is not our claim to this heritage strengthened by enlisting in this work, to which He, even the Master, hath called us?

Again, as we bring our offerings to help carry on the blessed box-work plan, that we may help supply the wants of the faithful servants who labor in needy, weak, and struggling fields what an effectual means of leading us into ways more mindful of the countless temporal blessings that daily surround our lives; though our lives were filled with blessings, if, still unseen and unfelt, they could avail us naught, so the means that brings us into a better and fuller appreciation of blessings already ours is but another blessing added.

Benefits which add to the realms of intellect are imparted by the plan of lesson study. The required preparation of each month's lesson leads to researches that help keep the mind stored with geographical facts, as well as those of the manners, customs, and history of the inhabitants of many climes and nations, making a diversion that is good as well as profitable for minds kept ever busy planning for the daily rounds of household cares.

And still again we find the plans of our work contributing largely to the growth of spiritual life. Blessings thus received may be considered as present benefits, those felt from day to day as we pass on in this life, and those which we may look forward to reaping in the life beyond. Blessings that cheer and encourage us in our work are felt again and again, as we continue in the service.

First, as we enter the work, immediately follows the blessing of the consciousness of obedience; for, in so doing, we but obey the Divine command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." In such united prayer and effort we are permitted to give our best, our most effectual aid in the great work of preaching the Gospel to the waiting millions who have not yet heard the glad tidings of the wonderful story of love. One of the first requisites, one of the most essential attributes of the true follower of our Lord and Master, is that of simple, unquestioning obedience. Of what wonderful import then, to our own souls, as well as the souls for whom we labor, is this golden opportunity of gaining for ourselves such blessed consciousness of

loyal, loving obedience. It is the blessing of such consolation that inspires with so much courage the lives of those called to service in foreign fields. They feel these benefits to their own soul and count them well worth the sacrifice.

Such was the experience of one who had thus been called, with whom it was my privilege to meet and talk shortly before the sailing to the appointed field of labor. I refer to Rev. Simon, one of those heroic souls for whom as church and individuals we were called so short a time since to bow in grief, because of their sudden taking away from us, and the work so sorely in need of laborers. This consecrated servant of the Lord said, in speaking of his experience after he had received this call, that on account of difficulties and opposition he had tried to content himself with pastoral work in the home fields, but could find no rest, nor could he feel that he was truly serving his Master. But now that they had received their appointment, and arrangements were completed for their sailing, he rejoiced in a feeling of inexpressible relief at the thought of entering upon the work whereunto his Lord had called him. Although he was leaving home and loved ones—even their own precious little one—he said that not even for the joy and comfort these blessings bring could he afford to exchange the peace he had found in thus obeying the voice that called him. His reward was already worth the sacrifice.

And was it not this same source of courage that sustained him, when but a few short weeks after this his loved companion was called away, while he was left in these dark hours of bereavement and loneliness to begin the new work for which he had been chosen?

Adversities and trials must come to each in turn, and, when they overtake us, what is of more value to us than strength to endure them? To those whose labor helps send the word are such blessings insured, even as to the one appointed for the preaching.

Again, the benefits drawn from the lesson, each month, we find most helpful. By the careful following of the references, we may enjoy together an interesting season of studying the subject, bringing out different portions in a new and clearer light.

Then, too, the season of sweet communion with our heavenly Father brings the joy of feeling that we are being drawn into closer touch with the Master, a drawing nearer unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Our work is Christ's own mission; the one He came to fulfill, that of seeking and saving the lost. To undertake our part of the mission, and to continue faithful to our trust, is to live with an ever-awakening interest in those about us; our lives to be filled with busy moments of loving service, and then to feel in return the Divine influence, ever leading us nearer the throne of

grace, while the inner voice is saying, "Whatsoever thing thou doest to the least of mine, or lowest, that thou doest unto me."

In such unselfish reaching out in the interest of others, we see how the lives thus spent are not impoverished, but as healthy exercise in the daily use of muscles of the different members of the body gives physical strength, so such exercise of the faculties of faith, love, and sympathy upbuilds and strengthens the spiritual life. In thus imparting blessings are blessings received again—even as "the very flowers that bend and meet, in sweetening others, grow more sweet."

We have noted temporal blessings that are insured in the field of missionary labor, intellectual store increased, present spiritual benefits gained from consciousness of obedience—and strength derived therefrom, being drawn into a fuller light of the Scriptures, as also into closer touch with the love of an Elder Brother. These are benefits without which our lives could not be complete. But what shall we say of the one which still remains for contemplation, that spiritual blessing which waits for our reaping beyond? Who can estimate the value of the reward that is eternal? What joy beyond expression shall this everlasting benefit bring to souls that have proven faithful, in the end?

When the pearly gates have opened and the redeemed have entered in,
With songs on their lips and with harps in their hands,
Over there on the golden heights as they stand,
And all the gathered harvest see, while from out that radiant throng
One and another and another shall come, wearing the bright and golden crown,
And bearing aloft the victorious palm,
With the greeting for this one or for that—
Beloved, behold the results of your efforts for Me,
Even the joys of eternal life to be!

O, rapturous moment, joy divine! for the soul thus filled and thrilled by the final revelations of these marvelous results.

Are not such benefits of sufficient moment to impel us to active service?

My dear Sisters, as we consider the benefits to be derived through this blessed service of love, may we not falter, but press forward with renewed zeal; and to any who may not as yet have enlisted with us, we would urge that you withhold your service no longer, but come with us, that together we may arise in the strength and the name of the Lord and go forth to meet the opportunities that are ours! and with the Psalmist shall we be constrained to cry out, "Bless the Lord, who *daily loadeth* us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Synod of Nebraska—Treasurer's Report, 1900-1901.

Society.	Receipts.			Home Missions.										
	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Sustaining Member.	Scranton.	Riverside.	Oakland.	Jersey City Heights.	Thank-Offering.	New Missionaries.	Miss Van Leer.	Lane Ruth.	Girls' School in India.	Totals.
Balance		$25 55											$25 55
Collection at Convention				$3 14					$3 14				6 28
Beatrice	$5 70	1 60	$1 00					$8 80					17 10
Benedict	1 90	80											2 70
Dakota City	21 85	2 00			$2 40		$2 25	8 50	40				37 40
Dakota City Mission Band								08		$0 73			81
Lincoln	9 50							2 81					12 31
Omaha	5 00	2 00			2 65		1 00	10 00	2 65		$31 25		54 55
Pawnee City	5 00	2 00		5 00		$3 40		2 75	1 00				19 15
Ponca	8 15	2 50						5 25	6 63			$11 56	34 09
Rising	6 00	50						1 50					8 00
Roca	6 10	1 00					60	1 95					9 65
Salem Church	4 15												4 15
Stella	10 40	1 00		2 45	90		60	10 40					25 75
Tekamah	14 75	1 00		2 75			1 00						19 50
Tekamah Mission Band	1 10												1 10
Yutan	18 45	1 00		1 35	5 00		1 00	8 50					35 30
"A Friend"									1 00				1 00
Totals	$118 05	$40 95	$1 00	$14 69	$10 95	$3 40	$6 45	$60 54	$14 82	$0 73	$31 25	$11 56	$314 39

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Haase, Expenses	$9 55	
Mrs. Ludden, Expenses	3 30	
Mrs. Mostert, Expenses	2 25	
Mrs. Riegle, Stationery, etc.	2 50	
Mrs. Hamma, General Treasurer, First Quarter	109 57	
Mrs. Hamma, General Treasurer, Second Quarter	85 06	
Mrs. Hamma, General Treasurer, Third Quarter	25 76	
Mrs. Hamma, General Treasurer, Fourth Quarter	52 05	
		$290 04
Balance		$24 35

MRS. S. S. RIEGLE, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. Mostert not being present, Miss Tillie Swanson read the Historian's Report, which was accepted and referred to committee.

Historian's Report for 1901.

The following is a complete list of historical matter now in the hands of the present incumbent of this office:

1. Minutes of the General Synod from 1879 to 1901, inclusive.
2. Minutes of the Synodical Society from 1881 to 1901. Some are bound with the Minutes of Synod and some separately. Three years (1897, 1898, 1899) are in typewritten form.
3. All copies of the *Mission Studies* from 1895 to 1900, inclusive.
4. The *Missionary Journal* from 1896 to 1900.
5. The *Children's Missionary*, a small paper, from 1894 to 1900, inclusive.
6. All Monthly Tracts from 1896 to 1900.
7. A Historical Sketch given by Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, beginning with the organization in 1880 and closing with 1891.
8. Another sketch of our work in the past by Mrs. Schnure, beginning with 1891 and concluding with 1894.
9. A booklet containing pictures of Foreign Missionaries.
10. A small book, In Memoriam of Emma V. Day.
11. Five large photographs of scenes in our Foreign field.
12. Photographs of San José Church: Miss Leisening and sister.
13. The Scrap-book, with its varied and interesting clippings.
14. The first Secretary's book of the Synodical Society, containing all minutes of meetings from 1880 to 1888.

In conclusion, I would ask you each to make some addition to this collection in clippings, photographs, or book form. Especially would I urge the officers to send in their own photographs.

It is also necessary that all life and honorary members be reported to me at once so as to keep a complete record for the Historian of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

The names of those on the different committees were read by the Secretary.

Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports—Miss Suda Wood, Miss Lydia Bender.

Letters and Papers—Miss Millie Christenson, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Last Year's Minutes—Miss Ida Peterson, Mrs. Melinda Barnhart.

Treasurer's Report—Miss Lydia A. Bender, Mrs. Matteson.

Resolutions—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Miss Tillie Swanson.

Nominations—Miss Matie Martyn, Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Hymn 344.

Offering, 98 cents.

The session closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

FRIDAY, 9.00 A. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. D. Willert, who took "Praise to God" as her theme.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Mrs. L. P. Ludden read the Report of Literature Committee.

Report of the Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature would report that during the year closing with this Convention we have sent tracts regularly to the following societies: Dakota City, Ponca, Yutan, Beatrice, Tekamah, Lincoln, Stella, Omaha, and Roca.

The financial exhibit of the committee is as follows:

The following societies paid:

Yutan	$0 50
Kountze Memorial for 1900 and 1901	1 00
Dakota City	50
Tekamah, including two subscriptions to *Mission Studies*	1 00
Ponca	50
Roca	50
Stella	50
Grace, Lincoln	50
Total	$5 00

Expenses have been as follows:

Balance due committee (see last report)	$0 17
Postage	1 22
Money orders	13
Stationery	10
Tracts from General Literature Committee	2 88
Mission Studies	50
Total	$5 00

We come to this Convention with the old bills paid, the committee out of debt, and no funds on hand.

Suggestion was made that tracts be sent to the congregations that contributed regularly to the general fund, but have no formal organization.

With our limited receipts it has not been possible to broaden the work as we would like, therefore I would recommend that the Literature Committee be instructed to procure a few extra copies for such distribution.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
Chairman of Literature Committee.

Report was referred to committee.

We were pleased to listen to remarks from Dr. S. B. Barnitz, who extended greetings in behalf of Board of Home Missions.

The President asked him to inform us as to Box-work, to which he graciously responded.

Rev. Hess was introduced as a delegate from the Synod, who conveyed their greetings and appreciation of the work of the women.

Rev. Petrea asked the privilege of speaking in behalf of the Pawnee Society, who had no delegate present. He gave encouraging reports of the work of their Society, and assured those present that he would be unable to keep up his work without the aid of his Missionary Society.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Committee on Treasurer's Report, after careful examination, report the same correct.

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER,
MRS. S. MATTESON.

Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention has examined the same, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, MISS IDA PETERSON,
MRS. MELINDA BARNHART.

Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations, after prayerful thought, submit the following names for your consideration, and recommend that the Convention nominate a second set of names:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Dakota City.
Vice-President—Mrs. H. J. Penfold, Omaha.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Laura T. Jay, Dakota City.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender, Yutan.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Omaha.

Respectfully submitted, MISS MATIE MARTYN,
MRS. L. P. LUDDEN.

Report was accepted.

The balloting resulted in the election of the following officers for coming year:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Hasse.
Vice-President—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. J. Penfold.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Mrs. M. D. Willert and Mrs. L. P. Ludden were appointed to write reports for the city papers.

The President of Synod, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, was asked to make remarks, to which he responded in fitting words.

Rev. Dr. Yarger made cheering remarks, bringing greeting from the Board of Church Extension.

Hymn 213 was sung.

An intermission of five minutes was given for committee work.

Report of Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report would offer the following:

We wish to express our appreciation of the helpful and inspiring suggestions and thoughts that fill our President's Address, as also our appreciation of her faithful and untiring efforts during the past year.

We commend the effort of trying to increase the interest in missionary work of Nebraska Synod, and would suggest that the "Win One" Cards be distributed among our Missionary Societies and the Mission Bands.

We commend the suggestion of making our thank-offering a most liberal one this year.

We would recommend the suggestion that our Synodical Society pack a box for some of our needy ministers of Nebraska at our next convention, and that a Box-work Committee be appointed.

We find the Report of the Corresponding Secretary correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. WILLERT,
MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The President made the following appointments:

Chairman of Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Chairman North Platte Conference Committee—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Chairman South Platte Conference Committee—Miss Anna Lesher.

Box-work Committee—Mrs. S. Matteson.

Prayer by Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Convention adjourned for committee work.

FRIDAY, 2.00 P. M.

Convention opened with Gospel Service, No. 12, in Manual. Subject: "Christian Love."

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Mrs. Herse sang a solo, "The Gates of Paradise."

Report of Committee on Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports.

First.—Literature Committee's Report approved, and we recommend that $5.00 be given to the Literature Committee for free distribution of literature.

Second.—Historian's Report approved, and we commend her for her careful preparation of the same, in giving us a history of the work since our organization.

Third.—Executive Committee's Report approved, and we find no question to bring before Convention.

Fourth.—North Platte Conference Committee's Report approved, and we commend earnestness in the work of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS SUDA WOOD,
MISS LYDIA A. BENDER.

The report was adopted.

Motion passed that we reconsider the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports.

This report was taken up item by item, discussed, and motion passed that the Literature Committee be allowed $5.00 for their work, the motion being an amendment to the recommendation of committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions would report as follows:

WHEREAS, Our loving heavenly Father has most graciously watched over us during another year and permitted us to assemble in our annual convention; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That with renewed consecration to our Master's work we still continue as co-workers in the uplifting of Zion, and the special work for which our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society stands pledged.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty thanks to Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., for their messages of good cheer and their presence with us in this convention, and that we renew our efforts for the advancement of the work of the Boards they represent.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our appeciation of the visit of Synod in a body, and the kindly spoken words of the President and the Synod's delegate.

4. *Resolved*, That we urge upon all our Societies the use of our literature as means to better prosecute our work.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the people of West Point for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been

entertained, for the music furnished, and the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church for the willing assistance rendered.

6. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks to the pastor and people of this Congregational Church for the use of their edifice to hold our services.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN,
MISS TILLIE SWANSON.

The report was adopted.

Motion passed that the President appoint a delegate to bear our greetings to the Synod.

The President appointed Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Invitations to hold the next Convention were received from Benedict, Tekamah, and Dakota City.

Motion passed that we leave the place of meeting in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Hymn 148 was sung.

A paper, "Barriers Overcome," was read by Miss Matie Martin.

Barriers Overcome.

When asked to write upon this subject I felt inclined to refuse. The subject seemed so deep and offered such possibilities to the broad-minded that I felt I could not undertake it; but after due consideration the thought arose that perhaps the Lord wanted "my" views, although they are simple and limited in the extreme.

These same views I shall now present:

We all know that every work has its bright side and its dark side, days of sunshine and days of clouds. Missionary work is not an exception by any means, and we are fated to look upon the darker side. We are going to speak of the barriers which loom up in the way as we try to push forward this blessed work. While thinking of these hindrances let us say with Paul, "We are troubled on every side yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair." But these barriers, are there as many as we think? When I permit my mind's eye to wander over the vast territory, it can see but one barrier, so high, that all others, that be, are hidden by the black shadow which it casts. It has written upon it, "Indifference on the part of professed Christians." It means indifference to the missionary cause for which Christ died, for was His life not one of missionary toil? And now, to think that people have so far forgotten their example that they join the church from a mere selfish motive, and that the saving of their own souls, thinking little of the souls *they* ought to bring into the fold.

We might liken this barrier to an iceberg, for so it seems—an iceberg upon

which the sunlight of God's love has never fairly shone to thaw it in the least. Their hearts have never been stirred by that command, "Go ye," as I think every Christian's heart ought to be. They stand and gaze coldly upon those of Christ's true followers who are putting forth every effort to forward His kingdom, some giving no aid whatever, others in a miserly way giving a little money. This coldness, I say, is the great barrier that hinders our missionary work, but back of it there lies hidden a readiness to give time, money, and prayers, and these are what are needed to bring about a glorious end. We want to awaken them. We must do some missionary work among our own believing people. We want them to "put on the whole armor of God," as Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "that they might be able to withstand in the evil day." If we can just drive this "indifference" out of some of our church members, other barriers would vanish, for with the driving out of "indifference" the feeling of giving would come, and the missionary cause would have would make a force strong enough to break down any barrier which might come in the way. Everyone who professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ should consider himself a missionary, and have continually in his mind the all the money it needed, and this, with the time and prayers of those awakened, thought that he who converts one saves a soul from death. If this could be brought about, I say, we will have overcome all barriers. Why should not the missionary cause move along smoothly with such a force back of it? Oh! friends, do you not see the picture before you now? This mighty army of Christ's soldiers marching along with one aim, and that the saving of immortal souls. Can you think of any barrier that they could not overcome? Of course little hindrances would come in the way, but, I repeat, by our unity and prayers we would be able to push them aside. Now how shall we go about it to remove this seemingly unsurmountable barrier? We will say with David, "In the day of trouble I will call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me." We may not be able to remove it entirely, but by persistent efforts we shall move it aside enough to give freer access in our missionary work. Do we pray? Let us pray more earnestly. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Are we, in our daily living and giving, examples worthy to be followed? Do we always speak out our honest convictions? If the cause of God is to be maintained, it will be by the ceaseless diligence and persistent determination of the men and women who see His truth and boldly speak out their convictions to those about them. No other way has yet been found to persuade men to do God's will. To this end, sisters, let our prayers ascend continually, for prayer is the most powerful instrument we can use to remove this barrier that hinders our work. Pray for those who have taken the vow and are indifferent to it. Pray that the sacredness of it may dawn upon them, when they shall know that to be a Christian is to be a missionary. Pray that they may see the great need of money and give accordingly. If we all pray earnestly and fervently with this one aim, God's glory in view, He will answer. Then all the church members will be missionaries, and what a host

it will be to go forward and gather up souls, and as we gather souls we will gather reinforcements. Let us work toward this end by our prayers, our daily living and conversation, and although we may never see so grand an outcome as our minds picture, our work may serve to melt a great portion of this iceberg, and others seeing the fruits of our labor will continue it. May God add His blessing and keep us all steadfast in His cause, guiding us through the dark avenues of life, and at last bring us into the light of a perfect day, where our reward shall await us. Amen.

MATIE MARTYN.

A Question Box was conducted by Mrs. S. Matteson.

The subject of the Children's Mission Band was discussed, only one Band being reported among our Societies.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Madam President: Your Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following:

The greetings of Mrs. Leamer made us feel that we were heartily welcome to the church at West Point, and in the response of Miss Lesher she bids us to do our very best in the Master's work, in sweet retaliation of the kind welcome extended to us.

We would recommend that the letter of Mrs. Louise Krechting be printed in the minutes.

We feel that the report of our delegate to the General Convention was so full of interest that every member should have the opportunity of reading it, therefore we would recommend that it be printed in the minutes.

We consider the two papers written by Mrs. Willert and Miss Martyn so full of interest and encouragement that we would recommend that they be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted, MISS MILLIE CHRISTENSON,
MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

The report was adopted.

Motion passed that the bills presented be paid by the Treasurer.

There being no other business before the Convention, the minutes of this session were read and approved.

The minutes as a whole were adopted.

A Farewell Service was conducted by the President.

Hymn 434.

After a season of prayer, remarks were made.

The President earnestly requested the co-operation of all the societies in the future.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung.

The service closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The President then declared this Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska adjourned *sine die*.

LAURA T. JAY,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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